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Thespians present 'Night of January 16th'

By Kirsten Levisen

The Court is now in session. "Ladies and gentlemen, you're the jurors who will try this case. You are to determine whether the defendant is guilty or not guilty of the murder of Bjorn Faulkner and her fate rests in your hands." - Judge Heath.

Who is the jury? The audience is. Each night of the Riggs fall play, a jury of 12 will be chosen to try the case. This play is the "Night of January 16th". Mr. Henjum commented, "I chose this play because it presented an opportunity for us to do something different. It also presented the opportunity for many character parts in the large cast." There is a cast of 24 with 36 other members yet to be chosen. The final casting will be done Dec. 4, 5 and 6, which are the show's production dates.

Loren Cass is the defense attorney representing DaWanda Pesicka who is playing Karen Andre. Kim Nightster is the district attorney representing the people of the state of New York. Also appearing in the play are: Lowell



"WHERE WERE YOU...the night of January 16th?" (Judge) Tom Black observes as Kim Nightser (D.A.) questions Tracy Deis (witness) as they prepare for opening night Dec. 4. (Photo by Heath Tople)

Gordon, Sean Califf, Dawn Kilian, Sharla Cass, Tom Black, Corey Johnston, Cathy Pohlman, Scott Searls, Kirsten Levisen, Doug Potter, Tani Keenlyne, Tracy Deis, Rhodes Fishburne, Jenny Joens, Stuart Stofferahn, Mike Olson, Chrissy Post, Chris Ward, Eric Hoffsten, Paula Graves, and Collette Pogany.

The directors are Bill Henjum and

Nancy Pottraz. The student director is Deb Kern. The light crew, under the direction of Kris Becker, is Scott Searls, Cathy Pohlman, David Person, Jeanne Thompson, and Lisa Laumbach.

Stage crew managed by Michelle Deyo is Tom Black, Stuart Stofferahn, Loren Cass, and Chris Ward. The sound crew is Chuck Farnham and Doug Potter. Dawn Kilian heads the costume crew with the help of Jenny Joens, Paula Graves, and Mike Olson. Working on publicity are Mary Fjelstad, Steve Stofferahn, Melodee Shoup, Sharla Cass, and Sean Califf. The makeup crew under Tara Adamski is Chrissy Post and Lori Dickson. House managers are Rhonda Hanson and Rhodes Fishburne.

This cast will take you through three suspensful days in the trial of a young woman. "The play has an element of unpredictability because the jury is out," said Henjum.

Baliff: "Attention of the Court: The jury will rise and face the prisoner. Mr. Foreman, have you reached a ver-

Christmas Concert

DAR Good Citizen Award

Riggs senior, Lisa Pibal, was named Daughter of the American Revolution (DAR) Good Citizen by her peers and teachers. As the Riggs representative, her essay on "Our American Heritage and My Responsibility to Preserve It", will be entered in the regional competition. Along with the essay, Lisa also completed the DAR examination over personal, national and civic patriotic issues.

The high school faculty selected four male and four female candidates who they felt exemplified outstanding qualities and leadership, dependability, service, and patriotism in school, home and community. The senior class then had the opportunity to select the Riggs High School Good Citizen from the eight candidates.

'It was a great honor and I feel priviledged to be chosen," said Lisa. Loren Cass, Kim Jones, Ward Judson, Todd Peterson, Shannon Chris Shaw and Schneider, Stephanie Sibley. Todd Peterson was selected first runner up.

Century III Leaders Scholarship

Senior Rob Miller is Riggs' representative in the 1986-87 Century III Leadership program. Chris Shaw was selected runner up from among the five entries.

The leadership program awards local, state, and national prizes to students who demonstrate the leadership abilities and social awareness necessary to help meet America's needs during the third century.

Local winners were evaluated on leadership abilities, school and community involvement, a short essay written on an issue facing America, and a current events examination.

Two students from each state and

the District of Columbia receive \$1500 scholarships and all-expense paid trips to the Williamsburg conference. Two alternates receive \$500 awards. Six finalists receive \$100 awards. The Century III national winner will collect the \$10,000 scholarship at the March conference.

Active in many school and community projects, Miller is co-editor of the Governor, active in Fellowship of Christian Athletes, chorus, National Honor Society, and Letterman's Club. He is a past president of Teen Age Republicans, debater, and Boys State representative.

Now in its 12th year, the Century III program is designed to bring together student leaders to discuss issues facing America in its third century. The program is administered by the National Association of Secondary School Principals and funded by the

Shell Companies Foundation. The other senior candidates were: experience

By Heath Tople

A talk with state representtives, senators, key White House people, or top Pentagon officials. Sounds impossible for the average student doesn't it? However, that is exactly what a few students in Pierre and across the state and nation will be doing this May.

Although this will be the second time Pierre students have gone, the program has only recently been approved by the school board, making it an official part of the Pierre curriculum.

According to Skip Kurth, a social studies teacher who advised and traveled with last year's group. "The program has great value, especially in three areas: it is hands-on experience of our government, students have to take responsibility on current issues domestic and foreign, and its good cultural exchange because we meet, deal, and room with students from South Dakota and from across the nation."

Close-Up is a time filled with personal challenges and opportunity. During the week-long program students travel to Washington, D.C. where they visit the halls and committee rooms of the government and meet the men and women who influence the course of American

Students also take part in daily study visits to places such as the House of Representatives, the Senate, the Capitol, the Supreme Court, and the Library of Congress along with many other federal agencies. The program gives students the opportunity to go beyond the mere visitation of such agencies, to get an indepth view of our government by visiting congressional offices and sitting in on governmental hearings.

Close-Up is not all work and no play, however. Socializing with other students is an important part of the

experience with daily recreational activities planned for students including a banquet and dance at the end of the week.

Pierre students will be going the week of May 3-9, flying from Rapid City to Washington, D.C. The total cost of the week-long program is \$876.00 per student, due March 13, with a \$75 deposit due Dec. 8.

Interested students should contact Mr. Hoover for more information. The program is open to everyone.

Riggs Music Department brings a touch of Christmas to the community Dec. 18 with the annual Christmas Concert.

Slated for 7:30 p.m. in the Riggs Theatre, the concert features both the band and chorus. Under the direction of Brad Berens, the band will perincluding "Christmas Jazz Suite," and "Christmas Music for Winds." form various seasonal numbers

Directed by Louise Winter, the chorus will perform "Ave Maria," "Thank You Lord," and other numbers.

Governor contest

Get the holiday spirit and participate in the Governor's second annual Christmas card contest. winning The Christmas card design (original art only) will win a \$15 prize from the Governor. Original cards may be submitted to Mrs. Laitala in Room 215 until Dec. 10. Cards should be no bigger

Events Calendar

DECEMBER

4, 5, 6 - Riggs Fall Play -Theater - 7:30 p.m.

6 - SAT & Achievement Test -

7 -- Community Chorus - Riggs Theatre - 4:00 p.m.

11-13 -- Girls State "AA" **Basketball Tourney at Mitchell**

13 -- ACT Test - 8:30 a.m. 16 --- Junior High Christmas Concert - Riggs Theater - 7:30

18 - Riggs Christmas Concert - Riggs Theater - 7:30 p.m.

20-Jan. 4 -- No School -**Christmas Vacation**

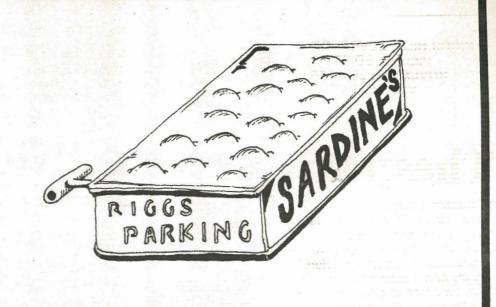
'Parking — What's the big deal?'

Student parking - what's the big deal? The administration seems to think the way we park is the big deal. Students think the big deal is the way the administration is dealing with it.

Granted, the lots were restriped, which was great, except for a couple of problems. The front lot was resurfaced first, and some of the stripes were painted on loose gravel, which when brushed away took the lines with it. In the back lot, the old lines weren't removed before the new ones were painted, and the new parking slots didn't line up with the old ones ("Now which set of lines do I park between, Mr.

All of this is a bit of a moot point in the winter, though. With the snow and ice on the ground, it's hard to see any lines, old or new. The question is: Doesn't the administration have anything better to do than play meter-maid? Really, some of the ways students can get detention regarding parking are pretty silly. For instance: when three cars are parked end to end, even though you may have been the first one there, if the other two park wrong you can get detention for boxing the middle man in.

Certainly there are problems with student parking that should be looked at, or maybe they should be left alone because the solutions cause more problems than they solve.



What the people say...Thanksgiving thoughts

By Nancy Kelley

Thanksgiving is the time of year when people give thanks for what they have and sometimes for what they don't have. In honor of Thanksgiving, which is November 26, we asked some students what they were thankful for and why. Here are some of their responses:



Perry Munyon (Jr.) - "I am thankful for my friends because they are always there when I need them."

Mishelle Johnston (Jr.) - "I am thankful for the one day that a family as large as ours can get together. We rarely see one another and it is great to see them and talk to them.

Stacey Donovan (Jr.) - "I am

By Maia Lyngstad

To most, Thanksgiving is just a vacation from school, but the celebration of Thanksgiving has an interesting and meaningful history.

The first New England Thanksgiving was celebrated less than a year after the Plymouth colonists had settled in America. The first dreadful winter in Massachusetts had killed nearly half the members of the colony. The corn harvest in the summer of 1621 brought new hope and rejoicing. Governor William Bradford decreed that a three-day feast be

In 1623, Governor Bradford decreed a Thanksgiving Day for the

thankful for having a lot of friends that I can have fun with and for having a time when I can see more of them. Sometimes I don't get the chance to see all of my friends; having a vacation will give me time to set aside time for everyone."

purpose of prayer as well as celebration for July 30. The custom of Thanksgiving Day

spread from Plymouth to other New England colonies. After the colonies won their independence from Great Britain, some states celebrated a Thanksgiving Day while others didn't. It wasn't until Congress ruled that after 1941 the fourth Thursday of November would be observed as Thanksgiving Day, that it became legal federal holiday.

When Americans sit down at the table this Thanksgiving Day, perhaps they would benefit from what the pilgrims went through and what Thanksgiving really stands for.

Alissa Ries (Jr.) - "I am thankful that I will have time to be with my family , and have spare time for myself."

Letters to the editor present opinions

I have been wondering for over a year why P.E. is required to graduate from high school. I have nothing against the class being offered, but why should we have to take it if we have other priorities?

When I was a sophomore, I dropped P.E. so that I could fit in a class that I wanted. But this year, as a junior, I was forced to try to fit it in, along with the rest of the required classes.

lege? Wouldn't a class such as psychology be more valuable to my education?

I know that it's too late now to change my schedule. But for the future sophomores who feel the same way, I would like the school board to reconsider, and hopefully change, this requirement.

Sean Califf

I'm writing to show support for the FCA group of Pierre. This group

meets every Wednesday at 8:00. The meeting places are different each week. Everyone is welcome, and you don't have to be a religious fanatic to be involved. The good thing about FCA is that you come in not knowing very much about God, and every time you leave you learn something more about Him. The two group leaders, Todd and Lisa Schutzle, are terrific people.

Try it, you'll like it!

Craig Smith

How is P.E. preparing me for colusk to Dawn

FRIENDS...I have them on my mind because they sometimes are so easy to take for granted. I know a lot of times I really get involved in my own life and ignore someone else's problems. When my life is going 'great," I don't think I have the time to "stop" and listen to some depressing stuff. There are also a lot of times when I feel really bummed out, and I think I could sit in front of my friends and practically ask for sympathy and not end up getting any. I think these times are the most trying because they really put a friendship to the test.

A true friendship is one that is shar-

ing and also lorgiving. Sometimes when I get caught up in my own affairs, I tend to forget that to make a relationship work, I have to give just as much as I expect to get back.

Friendship is an honest and very trusting bond. Sometimes I overlook the most important things and trust someone who I thought was a friend, but who could really care less.

I know we all tend to do that at times. I think the most noticeable times that I've thought I was great friends with someone was when our boyfriends were good friends. I know that happens a lot, and sometimes

not only losing end boyfriend, but also a "friend."

But that isn't what true friendship is all about. As the saying goes, "A friend is one who knows all about you and loves you just the same." That's what I call a friend. There's another message that is true in a friendship: "Don't walk behind my, I may not

Don't walk in front of me, I may not follow.

Just walk beside me and be my friend...'

Good friends are hard to find. I'm glad I've found mine!!!

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Lady Govs await Districts

By Heath Tople

Lady Governors host the Lady Golden Eagles of Aberdeen Central here to open up Districts Nov. 29.

The Ladies hope to uphold the streak they have going from the win they had in Aberdeen Oct. 24. After the 42-20 tear-jerking loss to Mitchell, the Ladies morale is a bit down.

Coach Don Shields commented, "The loss of Keren Higgins did hurt us in the Mitchell game, because she normally averages 10 points a game." However, he is happy to report she will play in districts, and the rest of the team is in good health.

Looking ahead, Coach Shields commented on the upcoming Aberdeen game, "Two players will have to deal with as an extra threat are senior forwards, Langslet and Schlagel they are the Eagles main offensive attack, because of their ability of overall good shooting."

The winner of districts go to state, while second and third go to Regionals Dec. 6 in Rapid City.

Governors host season opener

By Heath Tople

Governors open their basketball season Dec. 2 with a home match-up against Todd County.

The Govs hope to open their season on a positive bounce after the heart wrenching loss to Aberdeen Central that extinguished last year's tournament hopes.

As of Nov. 17, eighteen athletes were out for varsity basketball, according to Bob Judson, head coach. "We are taller than last year as a team," Judson said, "but we don't have as much experience as last year."

Coach Judson commented that there could be as many as four sophomores brought up to varsity during the season.

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"Because of the short pre-season, two weeks, we have little time to work on fundamentals, but have to work on team work," Judson said. He expects Todd County to be tough competition.



STRETCHING...Senior Cynthia Beck reaches for control during the tip-off of the Mitchell-Pierre game. (Photo by Heath Tople)

SPORTS CALENDAR DECEMBER

1 -- Girls Basketball Tournament - District III "AA"

2 -- Boys Soph. & Varsity Basketball with Todd County - Here - 5:45 p.m.

4 -- Gymnastics, Huron Dual -Here - 6:15 p.m.

6 - Varsity Wrestling at Mobridge Invitational - 9:00 a.m. • Boys Soph. & Varsity Basketball with Yankton - 5:45 p.m. • Girls Regional Basketball II "AA"

11-13 -- Girls State "A" Basketball Tourney at Mitchell

12-13 -- Wrestling Rapid City Invitational

15 -- Gymnastics with Miller & R.C. Central - Here - 5:15 p.m.

19 -- Boys Soph. & Varsity Basketball at Brookings

20 -- Boys Soph. & Varsity Basketball with Watertown -Here - 5:45 p.m. • Wrestling JV & V at Mobridge

Gymnasts challenge Huron

by Lisa Hyde

Lady Gov gymnasts will open their season with a dual against Huron Dec. 4. Thursday's contest will start at 6:15 at Pierre Junior High.

A new head coach will lead the team this season. Diane Andersen will replace Nancy Mundt, who guided the Lady Govs to a fifth place title at the State tourney last year.

"I'm really excited to work with the team, especially since they have so much talent. We have quite a few returning members but we also have some young gymnasts who show a lot of promise," said Coach Andersen.

Junior Lori Zwemke said, "It's too early to really see what our strong points and weaknesses are, but I think our upcoming season looks pretty good."

Bonnie Jorgenson, a returning letterman, adds, "I think we'll have a really good season. We have some new members that show a lot of ability; they'll help us be strong competitors." Dec. 8, the junior varsity will compete in a dual at Stanley County; and on the 15th, both the varsity and the



CONCENTRATION...Bonnie Jorgensón works on her bar routine during a gymnastics practice. (Photo by Potter)

junior varsity will host Miller and Rapid City Central in a triangular.

A Gymnast's Dream

A floor routine that's really keen.

To spring from the vault without a fault.

A reach for the stars with a handstand on bars.

To stay on the beam to help the team.

by Lori Zwemke



GOVERNOR PRIDE

A rivalry has always existed between Pierre and Ft. Pierre. Well, recently Stanley County won the Class 9-A State Football Championship. The whole community of Ft. Pierre showed great admiration for the players, giving them great crowd support and spirit. The pride was shown in a "welcome home" rally for the team. Emotions flowed in the tears of the seniors, who had most likely played their last football game; and in the underclassmen, who would have to follow in the steps of leaders who became close friends.

We should respect Stanley County for what they have accomplished. With dedication, hard work, talent, and most of all, determination, they fulfilled what every kid dreams about. Their state championship means as much to them as one of ours means to us. Think back to the feelings we experienced as our Governors won the State "A" Basketball Tournament. This is what Ft. Pierre is experiencing right now. Every member of that football team will remember the unique victory for the rest of his life.

Nobody should minimize their efforts, and take away from their feelings of self-esteem, and deserving pride. Those football players set high goals, and put in that little extra to reach them. In my opinion, as members of Riggs High School, we should acknowledge their hard work, and respect what they have achieved.

By Lisa Hyde

Top athletes receive awards

Fall sports teams ended seasons this month with award banquets.

Lady Gov Tennis

The Lady Gov tennis team Most Valuable Player award went to senior Shannon Schneider. Senior Anisa Rauscher was named Most Improved, and ninth grader Anette Wahl was named Junior Varsity Champion.

Team letterwinners included Nicolle Anderson, Wendy Garber, Amy Gerdes, Alison Forney, Stacy Foell, Kara Fridley, Mandy Gregory, Aimee Pitlick, Jenny Rapp, Kirsten Stephens, Connie Taylor, Rauscher, Schneider, and Wahl.

The Lady Govs finished the season second in the ESD Conference and third at the state tournament. Coach is Don Rogers.

Cross Country

Most Improved awards for Governor cross country were to juniors Katy Bauder and Jim Keyes. Keyes also won the Worker Award for boys. Jenni Turbiville won the girls' Worker Award. Co-captain honors went to senior girls Terri Ulmen and Steph Baldwin; and seniors Darren Chase and Todd Peterson.

Letterwinners were Baldwin, Tonya Brady, Sandy Case, Karisa Kenyon, Turbiville, and Ulmen. Other letterwinners were Chase, Josh Cool, Tom Disburg, Keyes, Brian Hemmelman, Bruce Lundeen, Peterson, Tony Randall, Travis Tisher, Chad Weber and Tom Wollman. Coach is Bill Henjum.

Golf

Golf team members earning recognition at the banquet were Carl Evanstad, Rick Gordon, Pete Rezac, J.D. Ries, Steve Wahl and Jason Young. The Govs finished 12th at the state tournament. Coach is Myron Bryant.

Football

Earning tri-captain honors for the Governor football team were Loren Cass, Kelly Koistinen and Kurt Kruse. Most Valuable Lineman honors went to Keith Jackson, while Steve Williamson picked up the Most Valuable Back award. The Most Valuable Player award went to Monty Schaefer. All are seniors. Coach is Ken Koistinen.

eniors earn student honors

Fall "Students of the Month" were announced recently by a teacher selection committee at Riggs.

Although the program got off to a slow start this year, the committee each month will be selecting one girl and one guy from the Senior Class for the honors. The winners are selected on the basis of academic achievement and involvement in extra-curricular activities. To be eligible a student must carry a 3.0 or higher grade point average.

September Students of the Month were Chris Shaw and Terri Ulmen. Both are active in school programs. Chris participates in football, basketball, National Honor Society (NHS), Lettermen's Club, Fellowship of Chrisitan Athletes (FCA), and band.

Both feel that a good student is one who asserts himself and does his best even if "he's not a straight 'A'. student."

Terri, who is a cheerleader, and cross country team member, plans to join the Army National Guard after high school and enroll in a four-year college majoring in child psychology and special education. Her ambition in life is to do her best at whatever she decides to do and someday work at Disneyland.

Chris plans to attend a small liberal arts school majoring in political science, business, economics, and philosophy-religion.

"My life's ambition is to do the work of Jesus Christ in the world and to spread his love," Chris said.

Among the aspects of Pierre that Chris has enjoyed most is the fact that the community is so close and supportive of the high school.

October Students were Lisa Pibal

and Loren Cass. Both are active in extra-curricular activities. Lisa is a cheerleader, and belongs to Gumbo staff, NHS and was named DAR good citizen.

Loren is active in football, FCA, Lettermen's Club, NHS, drama and music. He is also president of the United Methodist Youth Fellowship.

Lisa and Loren plan to attend college. Lisa looks to USD to study law. Loren plans to-attend a college with a good political science department, where he can get a major in political science and a minor in economics.

Lisa feels she is getting a good, quality education at Riggs. "The thing I enjoy most about Riggs is the teachers," she said.

Loren also enjoys the faculty the most. "The guidance counselors are great. They will help you with anything and are open to new ideas,"

Lisa hopes to be a successful lawyer, and Loren to one day be a U.S. Congressman or an ambassador for the U.S.

November Students are Darleen Hunsley and Todd Peterson. Darleen is a cheerleader who is also involved in chorus and intramural volleyball. Todd participates in cross country, basketball, NHS, FCA, Letterwinner's Club and Gumbo.

Both students plan on college. Darleen plans on earning an undergraduate degree and a degree in dentistry. Todd plans on an eventual PhD. in physics, and he hopes to be a professor at a major university.

"If I could be anyone in the world, I would be Bishop Desmond Tutu,' Todd said, "because of his efforts to promote peace and understanding in all people."

Darleen hopes to have her own dentistry practice. She also sees getting married and living in a big house down South as part of her future.

Darleen feels Riggs High has been a good experience. "The students are very sociable, and it is a smaller school so you don't have as many problems as you would in a larger school," she said. She also feels the teachers do their best with each and every student.



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH...Lisa Pibal (top), Darleen Hunsley and Terri Ulmen (middle) Chris Shaw, Loren Cass, and Todd Peterson form a human pyramid. (Photo by Doug Potter)

'In this class, you are always reminded of living in the danger zone," said Joel Hieb, Riggs auto mechanics instructor. Safety is a constant concern for the student members of the auto mechanics

The class meets two hours daily to learn and practice shop experience. Mr. Hieb explained, "At the beginning of the year, you go over engine parts, carburators, brakes, etc. Third and fourth quarters auto mechanic students apply mechanical ability."

During third and fourth quarters auto students work on their own projects and sometimes take on other students' vehicles. Keanan Smart recently put new brakes on his car. Students will check timing, even use the scopes, and will replace car engines before the end of the year.

Mr. Hieb and auto students say that "auto-shop doesn't get as much recognition as some other subjects

"Here," Mr. Hieb says, "you learn and apply mathematics and science. It's a hands on education because you are learning by doing."

The learning by doing takes place with state-of-the-art equipment. In lab students use a sophisticated computer to check auto systems. The new computer cars have to be tested with special test equipment, which is just now out on the market for trouble shooting.

"The computer car is still mechanical with more electronic sophistication; therefore, there have to be people trained for trouble shooting, and learning how to run new advanced test equipment," Mr. Hieb said.

The new computer tester takes advantage of state-of-the-art electronic technology to help automotive technicians diagnose engine problems and system faults quickly and easily. An automotive technician can test a computer system by simply attaching the computer tester to the vehicle's battery and plugging it into the computer system.

An automotive technician can receive all service codes generated by the computer at the touch of a button. He or she writes down fault codes displayed by a digital display window. The technician then follows step by step diagnostic and repair procedures outlined in a service manual written specifically for the car's system.

At the end of the year, four top students out of the 15 eligible go to the Triple A Plymouth Trouble Shooting Contest. Pierre has been successful at the contest in the past, winning second last spring.



An Indian Creed White man came Across the sea He brought us pain

He killed our tribes He killed our creed He took our game For his own need

We fought him hard We fought him well Out on the plains We gave him hell

But many came Too much to see Will we ever be set free? by Devin McKeever



TESTING AN ALTERNATOR...Mr. Hieb instructs auto students John Giffin, Kelly Koistinen, Keanen Smart, Kendall Light, and Ray Klinger. (Photo by Doug Potter)