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# Early graduation option reviewed for students

The option for Seniors at Riggs to graduate early is a privilege as well as an opportunity to take steps towards individual goals. Students who qualify for this opportunity and do choose to leave high school before the full four years must consider their responsibilities and plans for the future. But even before they make this decision, an important factor to consider is the reason(s) behind their choice.

Parents and teachers are often puzzled when a high school student (especially a scholarly one) is eager to get through school. I've heard people say that

high school years are among the happiest. Why, then, would anyone want to cut themselves short? The answer, ironically, often has the same context as the question. They are not carbon copies of their parents or their classmates. For a lot of people, high school years are happy ones, and, whether they admit it or not, they never want to leave. But there are some students with future plans such as employment, college, or travel, who feel the need to pursue these plans as soon as possible, grateful for the knowledge and aid high school has given them. Others just aren't satisfied with high school.

Whatever the individual's reason may be, he must be sure that the reason is a valid one. Having reviewed the proposal with parents and counselors, the student should really feel that he has made the best decision in regard to his ambitions and career plans.

I support the continuation of this privilege for any student who believes in a solid goal and has the courage to follow it through.

Kathy Bickett

## Steady jobs rank as top status symbol

Have you ever wondered about your status, your esteem in the eyes of your fellow students at Riggs High?

In a survey given this month to over 200 Riggs students by the "Governor" staff, students working at jobs were rated as having the most status and prestige. It seems as though the various office-related courses offered at Riggs are paying off even before graduation.

Those of you who "smooch with your steadies" came in right behind the job group, and the spirited cheerleaders came in 3rd.

Boy star athletes came in 4th, with their teammates taking 6th, as compared to girl star athletes who came in 12th and their teammates 14th. The newspaper sports editor, (who reports the sports) eased by the girls coming in 11th. Women Libbers will have to work on everybody to prove they can do some things as well as guys.

Placing 5th, the yearbook editor ranked higher than the newspaper editor who came in 7th. The yearbook is probably more memorable than the paper, (darn it!).

Tying for 5th were the students who own cars, which gives them more importance than students who ride motorcycles who were 10th. Looks as though kids agree with my mother, "motorcycles are dangerous!"

Finally, those ending in last place were the music and drama department. These are the people who work so hard to provide entertainment at numerous events including athletic games where the cheerleaders and athletes get their best reviews!!

What can you say about a survey which turns out as this one did? There must be a lot of athletes going steady, holding down a job and driving a car!!!

Glea Krueger

## Sophomores reach open campus goal

We've come a long way, sophomores. We have stuck together, with good old "Honky" leading the regime to an open campus.

"Remember, it's only a privilege, not a right", was thrown in our faces until we couldn't see straight, but finally we made it.

Yes, we've been given open campus in spite of all the juniors and seniors who think we didn't deserve it. I must admit, I had my doubts at times, but our conduct records withstood the trial and now we are free.

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The problem that faces us now is one that few sophomores will ever, ever think of. Can we behave well enough to continue open campus as juniors and make it possible for future sophomores to have open campus in following years. Yes, the administration is putting the load on our back, one we must be sure to carry carefully.

I urge all my classmates to heed my warning and continue the good behavior you've displayed in the last few months. You must remember junior open campus is also a "privilege not a right" and can be taken away.

The classes before us have been able to meet the test, and they gave us the chance to try to get open campus. We set our goals high, and we reached them. I'm proud to be a part of that. It's important we all be proud and continue to be. With that we'll uphold some traditions that we've started... Thank-you Sophomores.

Carol Baker

## Cover Photo

UPPER LEFT: Carmen Corcoran and Roger Mestheth "swing" to the music in P.E. class. (Photo by Laura Pottratz)

UPPER RIGHT: Airplane instrument panels provide a real challenge for Aeronautics work-study students at the Pierre Flight Service Station. See page 4 (Photo by Mark Krebs)

BOTTOM: Leon Etzkorn seeks his revenge on Mr. Jaeger by "stabbing him in the back" as innocent by-standers watch during the parent-senior party.



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# Does anybody know what's going on May 1?

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Perhaps this can be answered two ways—1. yes, 2. no.

Let's go back to number 1—O.K.—enough people realize May 1 is reserved for the Junior-Senior Prom. Even the sophomores know it—although these unfortunates aren't allowed to attend (better luck next year kiddies).

Now this prom is not just a dance, it's formal, and a whole series of events revolve around it. Preceding it is the traditional banquet for seniors at the Elks Club. After the feast these seniors join the juniors to take in the action at the Capital rotunda, the location this year of the Big Dance. All these activities have been plotted and planned by the hard-working juniors.

This is where number 2 comes in. A shroud of mystery surrounds the school as seniors aren't supposed to know what the juniors have planned for them, such as the theme, entertainment, decorations, colors and the like.

Following the dance, most promgoers customarily take in the Drive-In for a little R & R (rest and relaxation of course). For the people who find all this R & R makes them hungry, there's a breakfast come sunrise.

Now the question is, who's gonna do the better job, the juniors slaving away to give them a great good-bye and good luck send-off or the seniors in enjoying it?!

## Two Riggs High students write award-winning essays

Lynette Parsons placed first and Brigitte Pfeiffer second in the annual Pierre American Legion Auxilliary Americanism essay contest.

Lynette received \$5 and Brigitte \$3 from the Pierre Unit No. 8 of the American Legion Auxilliary.

The subject of the essay this year was "Happy Birthday America, and Many More . . ." All junior and senior high students were eligible to enter essays of no more than 500 words. Five essays from Creative Writing class were submitted.

The winning essays will now be entered in the state contest where the prizes are also cash.



## Nan Williams announces Gumbo staff for 1976-1977

Nan Williams, editor of the Gumbo, has announced her staff for 1977. These girls will be working all year writing copy and laying out pages in order to meet their deadlines and to record the events of the entire school year.



Ann Gomez, winner of the Job Interview contest at the state DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) convention, displays her first place trophy. She will go to the national DECA convention in Chicago May 8-12, where she will compete with DECA students from all over the country in the Job Interview category.

The girls are divided into the sections, classes, academics, features, activities and sports. The twelve girls who will be tackling these jobs are Karen Lindbloom, Pam Welch, Brenda Friman, Lisa Hickman, Janet Henderson, Cheryl Plank, Julie Jorgenson, Molly Jahraus, Lori Beard, Leslie Cheeseman, Patti Burke, and Gail Dunwoody.

Karen Likness has been appointed to the position of assistant editor. This will give her training and experience so she can step up to editor of the 1978 GUMBO.

## Spring concert to include special bicentennial number

This year the Riggs High music department's spring concert, May 11 at 8:00 will include a bicentennial touch.

The chorus and band will perform a bicentennial number together according to Mrs. Dahlin, chorus instructor and Mr. Cutshaw, band director. The concert will also include individual numbers by the chorus, stage band and concert band.

The chorus' part in the concert will include a variety of musical pieces. The band will play several different numbers including one which was prepared for the South Dakota Bicentennial Commission.

Everyone is encouraged to see the spring concert. According to Mr. Cutshaw, it will be a real treat.



# Riggs Aeronautics students observe Flight Service Station

In the past two weeks 40 students of Mr. Robinson's Aeronautics classes visited the Flight Service Station at the Pierre Municipal Airport.

I was one of the 40 students and would like to say it was quite an experience. We students went out in shifts, two in the morning, two students in the afternoon, with each shift lasting about three hours.

The FSS has control of traffic in, around, and over the airport as well as reporting on the local weather. The FSS also takes care of flight plans filed by pilots, which they forward to the pilot's destination.

As visitors, we students were given an inside view of how these activities are carried out, and, to be frank, I was impressed. There is a lot more depth to these activities than what the casual

observer can see. The Municipal Airport could not operate without the control and order of the FSS.

We also got to try our hand at FSS



**Ellen Zeller and Nena Nelson, Aeronautics students, study the World Aeronautical Chart in the Flight Service Station. The chart is used for plotting flight courses and measuring distances. (Photo by Mark Krebs)**

work. This included interpreting weather reports and broadcasting them. We also recorded and teletyped a mock-flight plan.

"Some of the students may have found something in this they would like to pursue as a career and that's our main objective," commented Mr. Robinson.

**Mark Zickrick**

## Hallquist returns to South Dakota with quality music

It is not often that quality music comes to South Dakota in the form of live performances by top musicians. It is rarer still when a quality musician comes from South Dakota.

However, Billy Hallquist I think is destined to be a top musician, and he not only writes songs about South Dakota but lived in Milbank at one time.

His music is not unique but it is good. He writes his own words and music and includes at least one reference to South Dakota in his album "Travelin".

"Bonnie and Odie they loved one another

With a love they were so proud to share

Like the field loves the Earth that she covers

Together they weathered South Dakota's cold winter

Huddled each night in the barn."

His music consists of guitars, mainly, and his voice combines with excellent background vocals. Hallquist's voice sounds somewhat like Bob Dylan's in that it is slightly nasal and harsh. However, it fits his style and music perfectly in contrast to some that try to sing "earthy" songs.

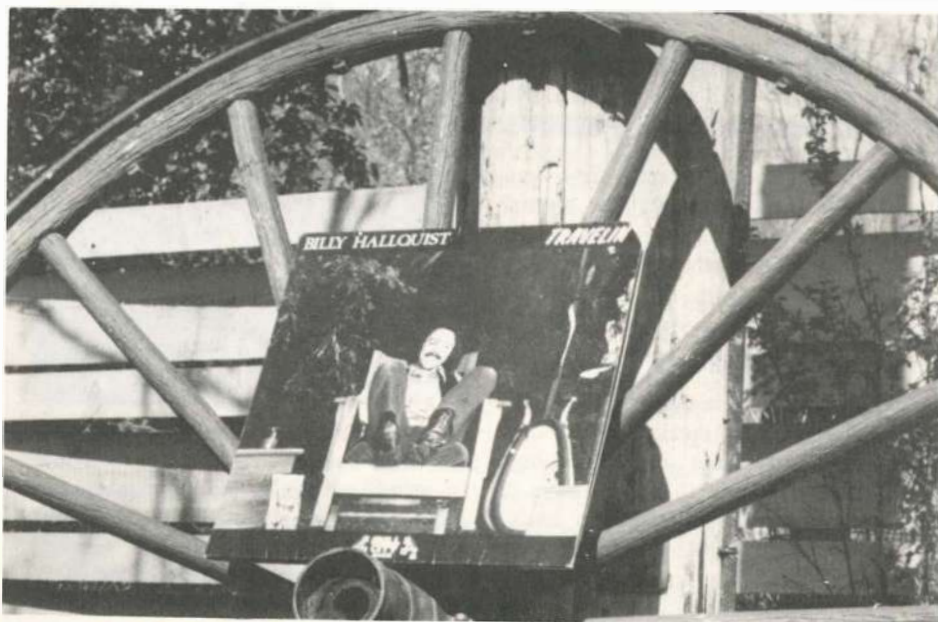
Although Hallquist's accompanying Musicians are basically unknowns, if he continues to produce good music, their names may become well established.

What makes Hallquist more appealing is that there are tentative plans for a

concert in South Dakota this spring, possibly in the Pierre area.

As a footnote, to those who have not heard and have the money and time, Emylou Harris and Michael Murphy are playing in Sioux Falls May 9.

**Mark Leach**



**The wagon wheel sets the mood for Billy Hallquist's unique album "Travelin". (Photo by Shelly Wolley)**



## Nudelsuppe, Grunesalat part of German Club meal

Ten members of the Riggs German Club and their advisor, Mrs. Bev Mickleson, had a special treat Friday, April 9.

Traveling to Mitchell they feasted on a German meal prepared by the Culinary Arts students of the Mitchell Area Vocational School. The class instructor, Mr. Ernst Wirt, is a native German who came to this country to escape Hitler's rule.

Mr. Wirt directed his students in preparing the excellent six course meal. The menu included a relish tray, Nudelsuppe (noodle soup), a Grunesalat (tossed salad), beef rolada, breaded veal, a potato pancake, and German chocolate cake for dessert.

Many of the German Clubbers found the soup and salad so filling that they felt they couldn't handle the main course. Everyone managed, however, and all somehow found room for the cake.

After the meal, German songs were sung, and Mr. Wirt told about his homeland, Germany.

The students toured the Vocational School and the Dakota Wesleyan campus before returning to Pierre Friday afternoon. Mrs. Polly Nelson helped chaperone the group on their trip.



The four junior girls and two alternates who were chosen by the American Legion Auxiliary to represent Riggs High School at South Dakota Girls State are from the left: Sue Lee, alternate, Cindy Lenner, Nan Williams, Molly Jahraus and Shelly Wooley. Not pictured: Shirlene Knudtson, alternate.

Girls State will be held May 30 through June 5 on the campus of Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell.



Wyland Borth, representative of Pierre American Legion, is shown with the Boy Staters from Riggs High, Back row: Steven D. Johnson, Mark Zickrick, alternate, and Gregg Van Klompenberg, alternate, Brent Adney, Paul Mernaugh and Pat Looby; Front row: Mark Leach and Jim Martin, journalists, and Eric Johnson, Frank Krogman, Bob Pottratz and Kent Kneip. Not pictured: John Smith.

Boys State will be held on the campus at NSC from May 30 to June 5.

## Seniors dubbed "Stars of '76"; party-down with parents

The Riggs High seniors were guests at the annual senior-parent party on the evening of April 3. This entertaining event was held in the Riggs gym, which was decorated to emphasize the theme, "Stars of '76". Red, white and blue banners, balloons, and booths gave the room a bicentennial appearance.

When the seniors arrived, they were given uncirculated bicentennial quarters, "Uncle Sam" hats, canes and rolls of tickets to spend as they pleased. Some tried pitching pennies, throwing darts, or looking into the future. Others exchanged their tickets for money to try their luck at gambling. Some unwary attendants suddenly found themselves in the stocks

for witches and drunks (also known as the kissing booth).

In addition to games, continuous door prize drawings were held. A corner juke box provided music for "bunnyhoppers and jitterbuggers".

Two stage shows provided intermissions from the carnival booths. On the stage parents relived previous eras along with their own school days.

The evening ended with refreshments after parents and seniors danced to "Warne's Western Swing".

## Quill & Scroll honors 20 top journalists

The International Society for High School Journalists honored twenty Junior and Senior Riggs High students by initiating them into the Quill and Scroll Society last month.

New members include Kathy Bickett, Becky Smith, Sigrid Werthmann, Kathy Teske, Beth Popowski, Mark Zickrick, Beth Schlueter, Laura Pottratz, Jim Martin, Mark Leach, Pat Springer, Dedra Stewart, Cindy Beekley, Nan Williams, Deb Hayes, Julie Sibson, Mary Jo Rezac, Kathy Richter, LeAnn Anderson, and Jody Badger.

1975 members include Glea Kreuger, Elizabeth Sahr, and Barb Logan.

## Student's painting honored; will be exhibited statewide

Jeff Curry will have his Black Hills Landscape painting represented in a statewide traveling art exhibit sponsored by the South Dakota Memorial Art Center.

Jeff's landscape, an 18" x 24" acrylic painting depicts the familiar pines, hills, and valleys of the Spearfish Canyon area.

Mrs. Cindy Thies, Riggs High art instructor, also submitted works from Tami Hofer, Peggy Lillegard, and Mike Nold.



# Recent Competition shows exceptional track team

The past few weeks of competition have shown that Riggs High School has an exceptional track team for both the boys and the girls.

The boys' track team is led by the powerful, experienced senior men Brian Hedman, Tim Axtman, Gary Sundahl and Russ Harrison in running events and Scott Stabnow and Brad Fawcett in the field events. All of these senior trackmen provide the backbone for the team. They are supported with the help of experienced Juniors John Smith and Paul Memaugh.

The boys tend to find their greatest advantages and strengths in the distance runs as recent track meets have shown.

Coach Vern Miller is pleased with season thus far and expects future victories in upcoming meets.

The girls' track team started their season with a bang, placing a few run away victories under their belts and continuing until last weekend when they met some tough competition at the Watoma Relays in Watertown.

At the Watertown meet, the girls took only 4th place, but gained something better when Roberta Barnes placed first and set a new school record for the girls in the shot put with a throw of 38 feet. Roberta also took 2nd place in the discus fling.

## "Practice makes perfect. \* \* \*" Girls golf season tees off

"I'm pretty optimistic about this season," comments Coach Terry Hofer about the girls' golf team. "We've got a lot of good young prospects in our eighth, ninth and tenth graders. We've been practicing for about four weeks now and it looks like things are going pretty well for us."

Seniors out this year are Cindy Larson, Elizabeth Sahr, Brenda Dettman, Tania Brusseau and Deb Kusters. Cindy Larson placed 10th in last year's State Tournament.

This year's juniors are Sue Wheeler, Jackie Kolbo and Cheryl Bohn.

Barb Ellis, Pam Bonrud and Pat Clow make up the sophomore division while Cathy Bohn, Connie Bohn and Lyn Bonrud compose the freshman section.

The youngest players on the team, the eighth graders, are Kari Deyo, Carin Doyle, Andrea Gomez and Nancy Thielen.

The golfer's first match of the season was held in Rapid City on April 22.



Jackie Briggs, (left) adds arm and finger movement to her long jump while Dan Frost and Russ Harrison (right) nudge out an opponent from Redfield in the first home meet. (Photo by Laura Pottratz)



In running events, the girls did not show up as well. In the mile run, the girls placed only 6th, 7th and 8th. The 440 yard relay team placed 5th, and the 880 yard relay team took 3rd place.

Coach Carol Kendall pointed out that the tough competition the girls ran into at Watertown was what the team needed in order to "gain knowledge of how both sides live."

## Athletic survey indicates student body opinions as to controversial issues

A survey conducted by Journalism II students reflects the strong opinions of the student body concerning a number of current controversial issues in school athletics.

The random sampling 15 question survey attempted to solicit the opinions of a cross section of the students, as to their views on various topics, ranging from the source of supportive funds to discrimination on the basis of sex in high school athletics.

Responding to the statement that boys athletic programs are actually vocational courses enabling stars to prepare for professional sports, 53% of those polled disagreed, while 20% agreed and 27% rode the fence.

A substantial 81% supported the statement that, if state activities associations are to continue exercising jurisdiction over female sports, they should also provide equal representation on all boards supervising boys and girls athletics.

Regarding the controversial issue

questioning whether or not outstanding female athletes should be prohibited from participating as members on male teams in non-contact sports, 40% felt they should be allowed to take part, with 32% feeling otherwise.

It is apparently widely held that the "Governor" and other newspaper play an instrumental role in providing status to those involved in athletics, as 54% felt this was true. Correlating with this percentage, 60% of those polled feel that participation in sports enables boys and girls alike to advance in social class standing, projecting the "jock" image.

As to whether or not the boy who is a success in high school sports may increase his chances for economic development, 33% felt this may be true, while 35% disagreed and 32% remained undecided-not a decisive enough spread to draw a conclusion.

"Winning only" was put down as a sick goal for scholastic sports by 43% of the students with 31% answering that winning only is the number 1 goal of athletic events.



# Tennis team hopes for repeat of championship performance.

The tennis team is in earnest preparation for their upcoming matches in an attempt to repeat the performance of last year's season in which the Gavs emerged State Champions.

The Gavs opened the season April 7 against their traditional Huron rivals, defeating them with the lop-sided score of 8-1, capturing 5 singles matches and the three doubles flights.

"This year's team is young and inexperienced, in comparison with last year's squad," according to Coach Phil Trautner, as he explained, "Of the top six players, only two saw much action last season."

Mr. Trautner added that Pierre is rated first in the ESD, with its most serious challenge from Brookings.

"Our biggest threats are Sioux Falls O'Gorman and Lincoln, both have alot of players returning and very good depth throughout their squads." Coach Trautner noted, however, that the Gavs would meet neither squad until the State Tournament May 22 and 23.

The team hasn't as yet had the opportunity to really test themselves, as the matches slated for April 16 and 17 were cancelled due to unfavorable weather conditions.

"Those matches would have provided us with valuable insight as to how the

team would perform in tournament competition," Mr. Trautner related. "Of particular disappointment was the dual match against Pismarck, the defending North Dakota State Champions, who were the only team Pierre lost to last year, that we didn't later avenge."

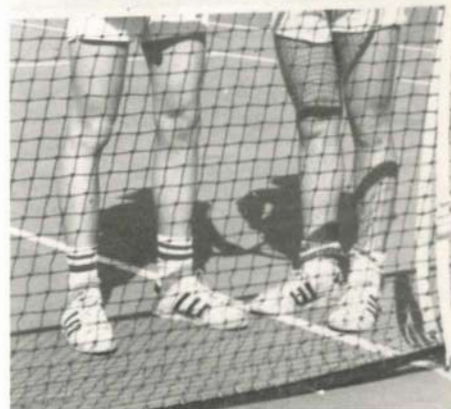
Returning from last year's squad are Mike Trautner, Mark Flannery, Mike Hemmelman and Pat Springer, with additional support from Derek Hazeltine, Tim Cronin, Chad Anderson, Mark Parrot, Mike Springer and Tom Burchill.

Mike Trautner promises to be a valuable asset to the team, as he has completed the two previous seasons undefeated in first flight singles competition, capturing the state crown both years.

Adding depth to the squad will be Mark Flannery, as he completed last year's season with only one loss in fourth flight singles, nabbing the state title.

"Mike and Mark have performed well and provide leadership to the team, offering words of advice and encouragement to their less experienced teammates," the coach said.

Summing up his comments, Mr. Trautner asserted that the team would appreciate support in the form of spectator attendance at the several home matches this spring.



Mike Trautner and Mark Flannery, who provide the nucleus of the tennis team, playing the no. 1 and 2 singles, combine for the first flight doubles team. (Photo by Shelly Wooley)

## See Pierre Bicentennial Historical Sites

Scuba diving! That's one way for having fun during the bicentennial.

If you aren't convinced immediately just talk to Pierre diving expert, Tom Bowers, the owner of Skin and Scuba Oahe. He recommends visiting some of the state's many underwater historical sites, to look for various treasures such as coins, bottles, guns, arrowheads, and even human skeletons.

Tom's favorite area historical site is Fort Sully, 20 miles north of Pierre on the Oahe Reservoir, the Fort is accessible by boat or 4-wheel drive vehicles only. Tom has a 20 foot boat with a large inboard engine that he uses to go to Fort Sully.

Fort Sully was first opened in about 1856, and at its peak, over 500 men were stationed there. Most of the Fort is underwater with many relics still left today.

Tom has spent much time setting up displays of his many relics, including gold

and silver coins, arrowheads, axes, beads, bottles and many other valuable treasures.

When I asked Tom what he felt was his greatest find was he said it was balest bottles now valued at \$16.00 a piece. Balest bottles were used in ships when they came across the ocean. They held water, but they also served as weight in the ship's hold. You too might make scuba diving profitable!

Tom claims there is also a large Arikara Indian village dated back to 500 BC just 2 miles south of Fort Sully.

Mr. Bowers believes the Pierre area has the best scuba diving potential in the state.

When I asked Tom what time of year was best for diving, he said that any time is ok but he said you might have to chop a hole in the ice to go in the winter months. Summer is ideal for the sport.

Tom first started diving 12 years ago in Cuba while he was stationed in the

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Navy. Tom admits that the first time he dived it scared him, and he never thought he would dive again. Since that time Tom has become a certified YMCA and P.A.D.I. (Professional Association of Diving Instructors) instructor and he has certified 140 men and 10 women in the Pierre area.

Tom heartily encourages anyone interested in Scuba Diving to contact him for more information. If you are looking for an exciting way to spend the Bicentennial check out the Scuba Diving scene.





# Señorita DeMario tells of Guatemalen Earthquake

Reina De Marino, last year's AFS student from Guatemala City, and her family lived through the February Guatemalan earthquake. Their home was not destroyed and none of their family were killed or injured. They were extremely lucky as there are an estimated 25,000 dead, 65,000 injured, and 1,000,000 homeless as a result of the quake.

In the following letter to Mrs. Phyllis Leach, Reina describes their experiences during the earthquake and after.

How have you been? I remember and think of you a lot and I'm sorry I don't write too often. Is it still cold over there? Here it is beautiful and very warm.

I'm in the University studying "tourism". It's a short and nice career, only that now I don't know what I will be able to show the tourists: the old ruins or the new ones. The earthquake destroyed almost all of our beautiful churches, and Antiqua is hurt again. All the schools have to be repaired, and you should try to drive on our roads and highways. They go like this = ~~~~~

Many people don't have their house. We were lucky because no one from my family suffered injuries. My house just has broken windows and some small cracks on walls.

The first fifteen days following the quake we slept inside cars or camping tents, but now we are sleeping in our living room because we still have many small trembles, and we get scared if we are upstairs because they feel stronger.

AFS helped in many things. I help in the Red Cross doing bandages and I also went with an uncle doctor to the pueblos, which were more damaged, to help people and give shots. All those "pueblos" look like a giant had stepped on them. There is nothing left, you can't even find the streets. Many countries like Germany, Norway, Spain, etc. . . . are going to be in charge of rebuilding those pueblos. Isn't that nice? Our President is great and a wonderful person. He has been suffering very much for his country and is very worried in all our future troubles because when the winter comes we're going to have difficulties on our rivers and canals are in not good conditions.

We bought a nice camping tent for all my family in case we need it. We suffered cold when we slept outside in cars because we didn't have one.

For Easter vacation we're going to the beach. My family has a nice wooden house, and my uncle takes motorcycles for sand, and we have motor boats (2) and surfing boards. I hope we have much fun, because last year we were with blizzards, remember? I'm also taking guests: a girlfriend and three boys. Then for the Holy Saturday we can go to the big dance in the other beach and be in Guatemala City to see the Good Friday Parade.

I just hope my parents let me go those two days. At the other beach (about 4 hours in car from the other one) my uncle and cousins will be waiting for us in their house, so I think I will get permission. Well, I better say "hasta luego" because I have to study Anthropology a little. Say hello to all the group.

Love, besos.  
Reina

## More Women's Lib

Girls are better drivers and smarter students than boys.

Honor roll students are better drivers than non-honor roll students.

These controversial opinions were the topic of several interviews with Riggs High School students, parents, and some auto insurance dealers recently.

Most auto insurance policies for female students are considerably cheaper than for male students. The reason is that statistics show that the male student accident rate is much higher than the female student accident rate.

In this age of women's liberation and equality for all, do you think that insurance rates should discriminate against male students?

Ninety percent of the students interviewed (picked at random) said it was not fair, that girls are only assumed to be better drivers than boys.

The most repeated opinion I received was that boys are just as good, if not better, drivers than girls.

"Just because boys are thought to be wilder than girls, it is still not fair," remarked one student.

Students on the honor roll also have cheaper rates than non-honor roll students. Of the students interviewed approximately 60% said it was not fair for non-honor roll students to be assessed more for insurance. But also of that 60%, approximately 40% were not on the



Reina DeMario, 1974-75 AFS Student from Guatemala City sends news from Home.

## in auto insurance?

honor roll. The 20% remaining were on the honor roll. Most students who feel the discrimination are those who are not on the honor roll.

"How should grades effect the ability of a person to drive?", questioned one student.

Another comment was, "An accident can happen to a person, any time, at any place, practically anywhere. If you are going to pick out the smarter ones and say that they will have fewer accidents, that's defying the law of Physics."

One of the Insurance salesman that was questioned said, "The female student policy rate has been cheaper than the male student ever since I have been working for this company." But he also pointed out that his policy says that girls on the honor roll have a 10% premium cut as compared to the 25% premium cut for boys on the honor roll.

Of the parents interviewed most said it was fair that boys are assessed more. And most did not think it was fair to non-honor roll students.

Whether these variations in insurance premiums are fair seems to depend upon the age of the person talking, but according to one insurance salesman there seems to be no possibility for any change right away. The statistics are all in favor of the present system.

Brent Adney