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Kiwanis announces October Students of the Month

This award may be received once during high school. Therefore, September students have been reannounced.

By Kelly Sexton

Juniors Amber Volner and Brian Mitchell have been chosen as the October Students of the Month.

Volner is the daughter of Kevin and Sherry Volner of Lead. She has one sister, Afton. Her hobbies are dancing, playing volleyball, four wheeling and reading. She plans to major in Elementary or Secondary Education in college, get a great job and have a family.

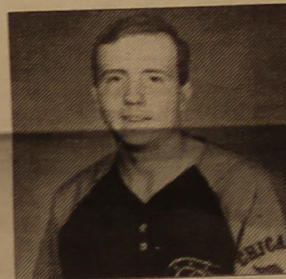
Mitchell is the son of Steve and Cindy Mitchell of Boulder Canyon. He has a sister

whose name is Sheryl. Snowmobiling, baseball, hunting, and fishing are some of his favorite hobbies. Mitchell's future plans are going to college and getting a good job.

Heather Grinager and Austin McNall were chosen as September Students of the Month, but they had been chosen previously. The Kiwanis Club found that a student can not be chosen more than once in their high school career. Seniors Theresa Clem and Dustin Cameron were then



Amber Volner



Brian Mitchell

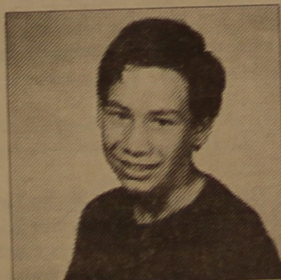
chosen as the new Students of the Month.

Cameron is the son of Karla of Deadwood. He has two brothers, Shawn and Adam, and two sisters, Cheri and Kaycee. Playing football, hunting and cruising with his radio cranked are a few of his favorite things to do. He is undecided about his future, but is considering college or the Navy.

Clem lives in Lead with her parents Larry and Sheila. She has two brothers, Craig and Casey. She likes to play softball, go bike riding and fishing. She also likes to read and write poetry. Going to college and majoring in Chemistry are two of her main priorities. She then wants to find a good paying job.



Theresa Clem



Dustin Cameron

Oberlander represents LHS

By Vanessa Foxworthy

Sophomore Juile Oberlander has been chosen to represent the high school at the all-expense paid HOBY Leadership Conference next spring in Sioux Falls.

Each year, every high school in the state is invited to send one sophomore to their state conference. The students are chosen based on their leadership skills,

participation in school and community and their overall achievements. Students are invited to fill out applications, which are then reviewed by members of the faculty. Finalists are selected and interviewed, with the winner attending the conference.

While at the conference,

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Letters to the Editor

FRIENDS

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to the article "Friends struggle to keep in touch" by Kelly Sexton. There is a great deal of truth to the article. It is a struggle to keep in touch.

Many of you know that over the years, Trina Mykelby and I have been the best of friends. After I left for college it became very hard to stay in touch. The hours of homework (and I am not exaggerating), awkward schedules, and jobs keep a college student very occupied. We still keep in touch to this day, but I feel our friendship has suffered some. So those of you who say you will keep in close touch with your friends, I wish you luck.

I would also like to add for those of you who plan on attending college, please make the most of your high school years. When people say that for every hour class you have you can expect two to three hours of homework, they are telling the absolute truth. Surprise, surprise faculty. I bet you never thought you would hear that from me!!

Sincerely,
Jami Albrecht
Chadron State College

DRUG FREE ZONE

Dear Editor,

I am writing to address the rules of the "Drug Free

Zone." Nearly everyday something is said over the announcements about kids not being allowed to smoke on school property. Well what about the teachers? Does the "Drug Free Zone" not apply to them?

I realize you must be 18 to smoke, but some students that are old enough still get into trouble for smoking on school property.

I believe that if students can't do it, then teachers should also refrain from smoking on school property. Otherwise, the subject should be dropped and those of appropriate age should either be allowed to or not allowed

to smoke, but it must involve teachers as well as students.

Sincerely,
Kena Juso

DIGGER SPIRIT

Dear Editor,

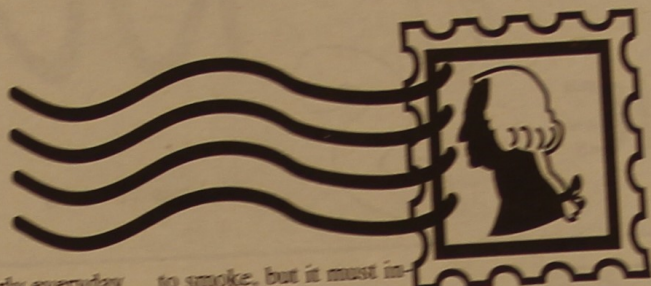
I am writing in response to the excellent crowd support at the Lead vs Custer Ladies Basketball game on Thursday. It's great to see a large crowd again. The Lady Diggers have had a great season and deserved this kind of support earlier in their season. The students as well as the adult specta-

tor were cheering and kept the girls in high spirits. We have seen this kind of support in the past, but this year it seems as though there are people in the stands but everyone has remained silent. I am very glad to see that the pride in our school and crowd support have returned.

I would like to thank the crowd for their support, and the Y dancers and the Drill Teams for their dances and halftime entertainment.

To the Lady Diggers- you have all had a great season and have made us very proud!

Trina Mykelby



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will have the chance to meet with education, business, legal and other types of leaders from all over the state. The speakers give a presentation and then the students are invited to ask questions. After that, the students break off into color groups and discuss the speakers and what they talked about.

Each state conference is to pick one boy and one girl to send to the national conference. The color group leaders, who are volunteers from different communities, nominate students that they think exhibit exceptional leadership skills. Those students are then interviewed by a panel of judges. The winners are announced at the closing ceremonies.

HOBY was started by the actor Hugh O'Brian. He believed that students should be encouraged to expand their knowledge. He also believed that sophomores were at a good age to learn how to expand on their leadership skills. His idea was to set up a program where students could meet outstanding people in the state and learn how to make the most out of their potential.



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Students judge their peers in court

By Stephen Engel

"Basically, it's a one shot deal for kids. The idea is to get kids early on to prevent dealing with kids at the state training center," said Marlene Todd, who is pursuing a dream to start a teen court in Lawrence County.

Todd is a former court service officer who has spent eight years of her life with young people. Todd's dream began when she saw a "60 Minutes" show on the Texas born program. She then traveled to Fort Worth, Texas to learn more about the teen court system.

After returning to South Dakota, Todd started to track down willing participants to act as jurors, attorneys, a bailiff, and a clerk. She also needed some adults to fill the judge and training attorney positions. At first Todd believed this idea may not have been a good one, because of the poor turnout at the first training session. Now that more people

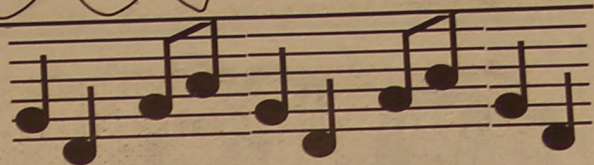
have heard about teen court more volunteers have come to help out. Judge Obert, a retired judge from Montana volunteered. Another volunteer is Attorney Barry Vlasman, who administers the training sessions for the volunteer attorneys.

The teen court is for kids ages 10 to 18 who already admitted to the charges pressed against them. Todd meets with the juvenile's parents before the trial to secure the parents about confidentiality. If a juvenile goes to teen court and completes their sentence before the end of the 90 days, their record will be kept clean. But, if the sentence is not completed in the time being, they will have to be reported to the district attorney and go through a juvenile court.

Teen court is held every other Monday night at 7:00 p.m. in the Deadwood court house. Todd said that she has about 11 Spearfish stu-

dents and about 5 Lead students, but more kids are always needed. Because of this problem, Todd may start asking middle school students to also volunteer their time. Since this is the first teen court in South Dakota, funding for the program has been tough, but \$2400 dollars donated by the Elks club in Deadwood helped get the program off the ground.

Todd believes that teen court is about 'teens sentencing teens. She also believes that peers will be more harsh on the kids than the regular juvenile court. After being sentenced by the teen court, the juveniles will usually be put on the jury to see how the sentence was brought about and why the community service was given. If you are interested in volunteering for the teen court system, you may contact Marlene Todd at (605) 578-2056, or fax her at (605) 578-1302.



Jones selects Honors Band

By Krissi Sack

Eleven band students attended Northern Hills Honors Band in Spearfish on Nov. 14. It was an all-day event, with practices throughout the day and a concert that evening.

To qualify to attend this event, Director Pat Jones could nominate up to 20 people in the band. For each student that he nominated, he had to write about the student's playing ability and the leadership they show in their section of the band.

Other schools that attended this event were Spearfish, Sturgis, Newell, Hot Springs, Belle Fourche, and Harding County. The band consisted of 71 students with a wide variety of instruments.

The conductor of the band was Mr. Fred Elwein from Rapid City. He is the assistant director for the Central High School band.

In Elwein's spare time, he conducts the 147th Army Band in Mitchell. He is also in the Army Reserves. This was his second year conducting at this event.

The band played a total of four

songs. The songs were *The Symphonic Gershwin, Salvation is Created, Military Escort, and Alleluia, Laudamus Te*. These songs were selected by Mr. Elwein. The music is then sent to the students so that they can have a general idea of what the music is like before the event takes place.

The first session of practice began at 9:00 a.m. and lasted for two and a half hours. After the first session, the students had a one and a half hour break for lunch. Practice then began at 1:00 a.m. and lasted until 4:30, with two short breaks in between. The students were free until 7:00 p.m., with the concert beginning at 7:30 a.m. after the middle school honors band finished their concerts.

Senior Kristy Eastman said, "It was long, hot, and very draining, but after the long day of rehearsal, the performance really paid off."

Senior Julie Covell said, "I felt very honored to be chosen for Honors Band. I found it to be intriguing."

DE and OP students receive taste of the real world

By Jen Harlan

What do Mr. Ron Eastmo and Mr. Brian Jandahl have in common? They both teach classes that help prepare students to go out into the work force after graduation.

Mr. Eastmo teaches the class portion of Distributive Ed. during first period, and then throughout the day his students are dismissed to go and work at their jobs.

The students who participate in this class and their jobs are Stephanie Engel-First Western Bank, Chris Regan-Gulches of Fun, Kyle Percy-Sanitation Plant, Ellen Boyer-Video Pro, Mandi Allen-Alco, Clay Sprague-Morris's Standard, Jen Cooper-The Depot, and David Cartwright-Jake's.

Mr. Jandahl teaches Office Procedures. In this class students learn how to do basic office jobs and how to perform their tasks quickly and efficiently. This includes how to work with others, how to type resumes and letters of applications, and how to work with adding machines, typewriters and computers.

Office Procedure workers are Bobbi Koch-Central Library, Holli Carlson-Deadwood School Library, Krissi Sack-Deadwood Gulch Resort, Heidi Way-First National Bank, Annie Hansen-Deadwood Middle School Office, Billie Jo Ryan-Lead City Hall, and Jennifer Harlan-High School Office.

"The class teaches you valuable methods about banking and other office procedures that will help in the future," stated Senior Kim Jones.

In both classes the students receive a credit for their daily work in the classroom and their work at their jobs. The students' employers grade their work efforts and turn them into the school for the students grade.

Students speak out about democracy

By Vanessa Foxworthy

Are you prepared to answer America's call? If so, then you may be interested in entering the annual Voice of Democracy speech contest sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The theme for this year's contest was "Answering America's Call." You must submit both a written version and a taped version of your speech.

The Voice of Democracy contest got its start in 1946. It was originally sponsored by the National tance from the VFW. At first, four winners the North, South, East, and West regions of the given a \$500 dollar savings bond and a wrist since that time. Right now, the amount of over \$114,000. The first place winner receives



start in 1946.

Association of Broadcasters, with some assistance were selected, with one person representing United States. As a prize, each winner was watch. The program has grown considerably scholarships given at the national level totals a \$20,000 scholarship.

The National Finals are held in Washington D.C. Each state winner receives an all-expense paid trip to Washington D.C. The judges at the Nationals listen to all fifty-four tapes that are sent in and then decide who the top winners are. All of the contestants are winners, as each one will win a scholarship of at least \$1,000.

Berscheid reviews alternative rock

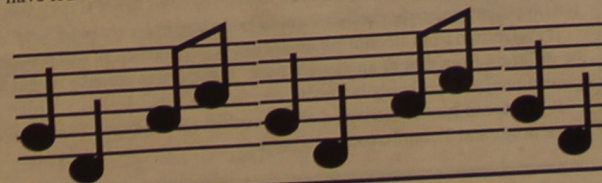
By Stacia Berscheid

A new face on the American music scene is the alternative rock singer, Alanis Morissette. Her debut album, *Jagged Little Pill*, was in stores in July, although it did not become popular until October.

Even though Morissette was unknown to America, she is a veteran to the Canadian music world. Morissette has been called "an 80's pop music queen" due to her former music style. Morissette moved to Los Angeles and this is where her new music style came to life. Her songs are so up-front and straight forward that Morissette was also "anointed her rock Generation's X-rated diva" by *Rolling Stone* magazine.

Morissette's most popular or well known song off of her *Jagged Little Pill* album is *You Oughta Know*. Despite the lyrics of the song Morissette claims that the song was not written for revenge. Morissette second and most recent release from the album is *Hand in my Pocket*. This song is quickly climbing the American Music Charts.

I purchased the album in the end of July after the first time I heard *You Oughta Know*, at the time I guess I really related to the song. I was blown away by her realism and also by her vocal and musical talents the first time I listened to her full album. Morissette is also a real feminine leader because she is not afraid to speak up for what she believes in and takes a definite stand. Morissette's album deals with very down to earth subjects which have led to her sudden popularity.

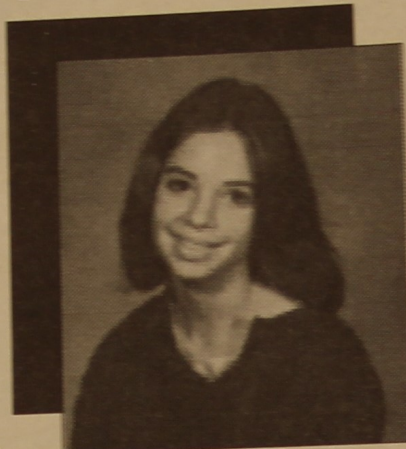


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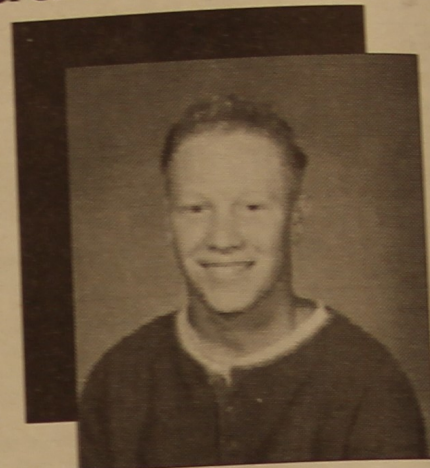
CONSEQUENCES

ALCOHOL

What LHS students think?



"Because they think it's cool and they will create a reputation for themselves,"
Freshman Josie Squyer



"Bored-Nothing else to do." Sophomore Kyle Wilkinson

Students who drink face consequences

By Kristy Eastman

Have you ever gone out and got drunk? Have you ever thought about the consequences? Not just the usual wrecking of your car or maybe even killing someone else in that accident but what about the school related consequences?

For some people the consequences don't matter, but for some high school students it is really devastating. For a high school athlete, they may think differently about drinking or doing drugs because they could be suspended from the team if they get caught.

The punishment for drinking or drug use on a first offense is a two week suspension from the team and that is without practice. On the second offense that athlete would get cut from the team for the season.

Most coaches even enforce their own rule that even if an athlete is at a party they are cut for the rest of the season. Some people say that this is not fair, but it is a lot easier to stay away from drugs and alcohol if you aren't even around them.

Senior Jesse Hanna said, "How are you supposed to have a social life when you are in sports if all your friends are at a party and you can't go. What are you just supposed to stay at home and not go out with you friends just because you are going to a social gathering?"

Senior Missy Aberle also said "If a person thinks they are mature enough to drink they should be able to wait until after the season is over. And having enough pride in your team should be reason enough to wait."

Suspension is not the only concern of kids that drink. If a person happens to be at a party that gets busted, they will more than likely get to take a breathalyzer and go from there. If they get busted they will be taken to the police station and their parents get to come and pick them up. Then they will get an eighty dollar ticket and have to go to court to see if they will be put on probation or some other form of punishment.

If you refrain from alcohol but use drugs your punishment will probably be different from that of an alcohol user. Since drugs are also illegal the punishment will probably be much more severe.

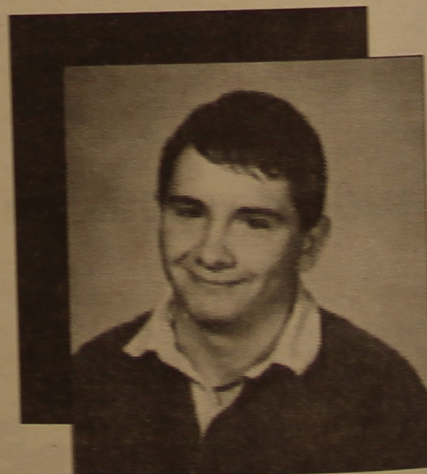
If you are in sports, activities, or even in school it is better to stay away from drugs and alcohol avoiding trouble.



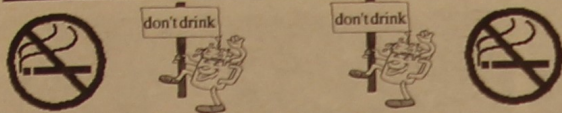
Why do you think teenagers drink?



"They feel like they can handle it and want something fun to do." Junior Natalie Aberle



"People might be bored and they want to fit into a certain group." Senior Tom Piper



Survey shows athletes drink

By Crista Weiers

Thirty-six percent of students surveyed say they are athletes and do drink during the training season. This percent does not seem very high, but due to the fact that they sign a contract saying they will not drink, this percent is very high. Supposing that everyone answered this survey, correctly, the number of athletes who do not drink is much higher.

The consequences of chronic drinking are well known. Alcoholism is one of this country's major health problems, and affects athletes and non athletes with equal brutality. As with any other drug, heavy use of alcohol can lead to dependence and mental as well as physical breakdowns. If a person drinks a lot, they are more likely to get liver damage, muscle degeneration and possibly have psychiatric disorders.

Alcoholism and drug use has become more of a problem in well-known athletes also. In the past, there have been a great number of drinkers in various popular sports. Some well-known athletes who were known for their drinking habits are Babe Ruth, Grover Cleveland Alexander, Hack Wilson, Sam McDowell and Gabriel Anderson-Scheiss.

Why might an athlete drink before a game? In addition to the changes in the central nervous system, drinking alcohol creates a temporary feeling of well-being or relaxation in most people. It does not look as though using alcohol immediately before an athletic event is a good idea. Temporary gains in relaxation and the amount of confidence does not compensate for ultimate losses in coordination and reflexes. There is every indication that the relationship between alcohol and sports extends beyond the athletes themselves. Beer companies purchase commercial time with well-known sports teams and beer is available in many concession stands.

Students know about drugs

By Crista Weiers

Survey results show that 75% of students have tried alcohol, 45.5% have tried marijuana, 8% have tried hallucinogens, 9% have tried amphetamines, 17% have tried other drugs, and 11% said that this question did not apply to them. Drug use seems like it is becoming a very popular way to spend an evening socializing. 37.25% of those surveyed have not tried a drug other than alcohol, 14% tried a drug other than alcohol in Elementary school, 19% tried a drug other than alcohol in Middle school, and 32% tried a drug other than alcohol in High school.

Humans have experimented with drugs since ancient times. People seem to find relief from physical pain through narcotics and similar agents. Others simply use drugs to blot out reality, gain new visions and alter their moods.

The illegal use of drugs has been a concern in the United States for at least a century. Current statistics show that people in the middle class have decreased their drug-use, but people that live in inner cities have increased their drug usage.

Amphetamines are medically used to treat depression, narcolepsy (a rare disorder resulting in an uncontrollable desire to sleep), hyperactive disorders in children, and certain cases of obesity. The history is much like that of cocaine. People who inject this drug are often called "speed freaks." They are called this because they often have strange and violent behavior.

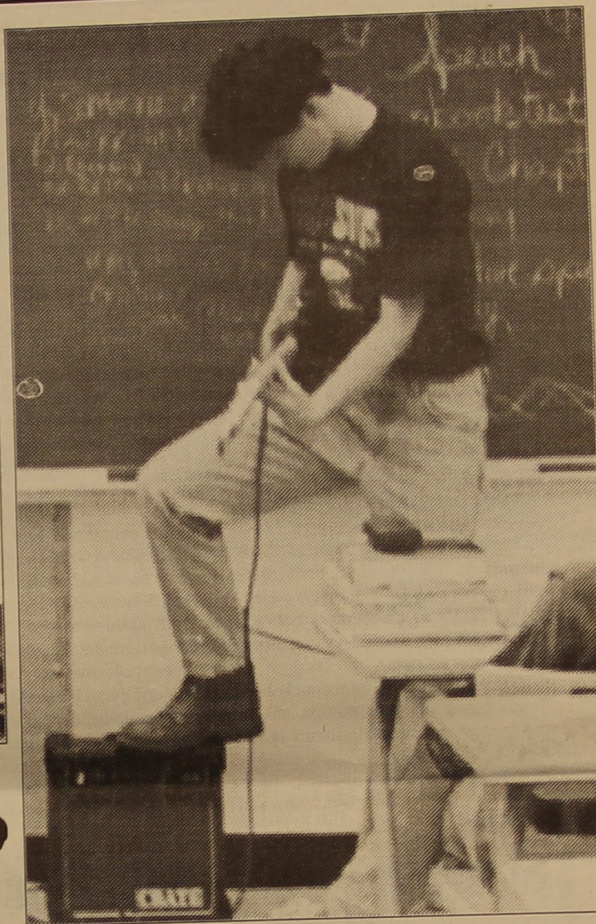
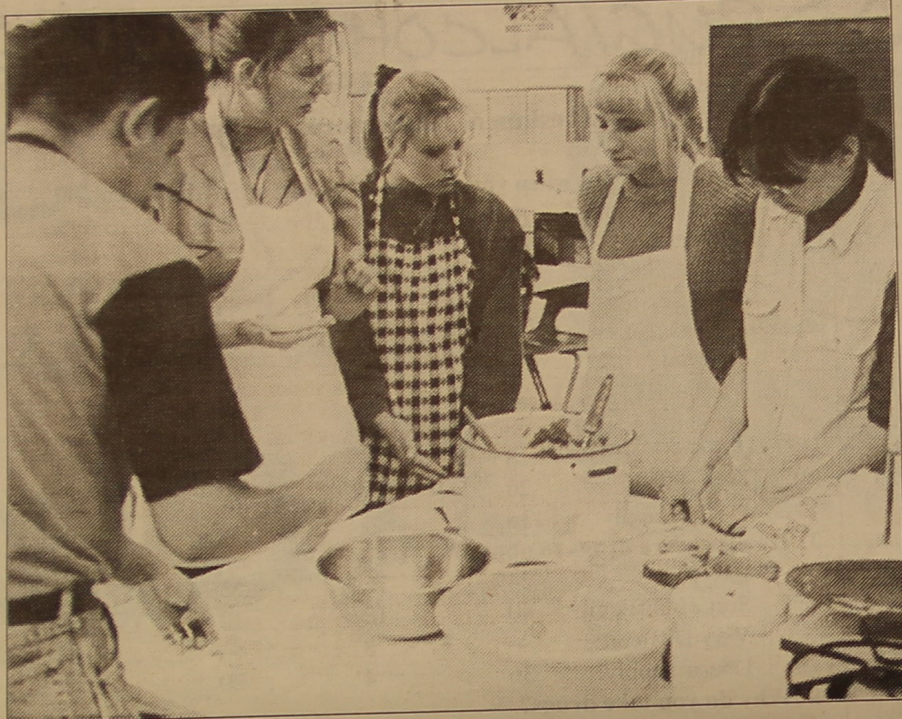
Hallucinogenic drugs, or psychedelics, both natural and synthetic, are substances which distort your appearance of reality. They cause a state of excitement, demonstrated mood changes, which can vary from a sense of well-being to severe depression. The most common danger is impaired judgment leading to sudden decisions and accidents. Long after hallucinogens have been eliminated from the body, users may experience "flashbacks." A common example of this drug is LSD.

Marijuana is a tobacco-like substance produced by drying the leaves of a flowering top cannabis plant. Its potency varies considerably depending on how much of the chemical THC is present. Despite the number of people who have tried it the number of users is declining slowly.

DRUG/ALCOHOL SURVEY

	Freshmen	Sophomores	Juniors	Seniors
1. How old were you when you first tried a drug other than alcohol?				
Does not apply:	40%	24%	36%	49%
Elementary:	28	20	4	4
Middle School:	24	4	8	20
High School:	8	40	52	28
2. Which drugs have you tried?				
Alcohol:	64%	80%	60%	96%
Marijuana:	24	48	40	70
Hallucinogenic	8	24	—	—
Amphetamines:	8	28	—	—
Other:	20	24	20	4
Doesn't apply:	16	4	24	—
3. How easy are drugs to obtain?				
Easy:	24%	76%	68%	90%
Sort of Difficult:	40	12	12	4
Very Difficult:	—	8	—	4
Doesn't apply:	36	4	20	4
4. Why do you take drugs?				
Escape problems:	—%	4%	16%	24%
It feels good:	16	28	44	36
Friends do it:	8	28	20	28
Boredom:	20	24	28	28
Doesn't apply:	48	20	20	20
5. Do you think drugs should be legalized?				
Yes:	24%	49%	68%	35%
No:	44	40	20	49
Undecided:	32	16	12	16
6. Have you ever been to school under the influence of drugs?				
Yes:	24%	32%	16%	44%
No:	76	68	84	56
7. How often do you drink alcoholic beverages?				
Does not apply:	40%	28%	28%	32%
Every day:	4	28	8	12
Every week:	16	12	32	24
Every month:	40	32	32	48
8. Have you ever came to school while under the influence of alcohol?				
Yes:	12%	12%	16%	8%
No:	88	88	84	92
9. Do you think the drinking age should be lowered to 18?				
Yes:	72%	80%	80%	76%
No:	16	4	12	16
Undecided:	12	16	8	8
10. Are you an athlete?				
Yes:	88%	72%	56%	68%
No:	12	28	44	32
11. If you answered yes to the above question, do you drink during the training and regular season?				
Yes:	28%	32%	32%	52%
No:	60	40	24	16

**There were 200 students surveyed, 50 out of each class



ACADEMICS

Variety of fall classes provide students with opportunities to learn while having fun.

ABOVE: Spanish students cook pumpkin turnovers to celebrate the Halloween holiday.

ABOVE RIGHT: Sophomore speech student Nathan Milos experiments on his guitar.

BOTTOM: Cass Novotny sands a wood shop project for an easy A.

MIDDLE: Band students Jennifer Cracco and Curtis Roth practice in an early morning band class.

RIGHT: Mitch Feterl lifts weights so he can be like Arnold Schwarzenegger.



New coaches stress hard work and dedication

By Mary Tyler

"The game of basketball can be fun and exciting if you put your utmost desire and heart into the game," said Keith Moore, new head coach for the boy's basketball team.

LHS will be seeing many new faces this winter sports season. They are Head Coach Keith Moore for boy's basketball, Head Coach Francis Schaffer for wrestling, Assistant Coach Shannon Percy for wrestling and Assistant Coach Robin Hagen for gymnastics.

Returning coaches are Assistant Coach Brian Jandahl for boy's basketball, Head Coach Cindy Smith for volleyball, Assistant Coach Stacey Peterson for volleyball and Head Coach Lisa Pingrey for gymnastics.

Moore played basketball for Lyman High School and went to the State Championship in 1985.

He also played in college for Northern State University. Moore enjoys coaching basketball because he loves the game and teaching it to kids the "proper way." He also enjoys listening to the community input. Moore said, "I have learned everyone is a great coach." Moore intends to stress execution, team play and game like situations during practices. He will also stress commitment, which he believes one must have to build a successful program. He believes poise and sportsmanship are important for games and are important attributes that the young men learn for later in life. Besides coaching basketball Moore was an assistant football coach for the Diggers and is presently teaching eighth grade history at DMS.

Schaffer has been wrestling more or less his whole life. He said he likes coaching wrestling more than any other sport. Schaffer said, "Seeing

the kids work hard, improve and finally defeat an opponent or execute a move perfectly, there is no greater joy as a coach." The most important thing he would like to accomplish in wrestling this year is simply wrestling. He would also like to see the gym filled with standing, supportive crowds at all of the home duals. For the program, Schaffer wants the wrestlers to realize that good grades come first. He does this by requiring each wrestler to turn in a grade report sheet signed by all of their teachers each Friday. Schaffer also believes "that their behavior is a reflection of the program as a whole." Schaffer stresses conditioning in practice, mainly in the form of push-ups and sit-ups, which he believes will contribute to making the team be in better condition than anyone else. Schaffer said, "Being in good condition makes a person less likely to get injured and more likely to win."

During matches and practices Schaffer said, "I want them to have fun, because if you're not having fun this is one sport that is just way too much work." His coaching career in wrestling consisted of three years in Belle Fourche, two years at DMS and now as Head Coach for LHS. He also teaches Algebra I, two periods of Algebra II and Applied Math II and one period of Physical Science.

Percy has been involved with wrestling for many years, both as an athlete and as a coach. He wrestled for LHS and has coached little kids, middle school and now high school. He has also assisted with the freshman football program. He enjoys wrestling because there is more one on one involvement with each of the athletes. Percy said, "I stress dedication in practice and in competi-

tion. Hard work will pay off in the end."

Hagen has a long history of gymnastics. She competed on the varsity level in Dickinson, ND for six years and for four years in college at Minot State University. She coached for five years at the Recreation Commission in Minot. Hagen enjoys coaching gymnastics because it is an individual and team sport. Hagen said, "Each individual adds their own uniqueness and skill to the team effort." She believes gymnasts should set goals, such as placing high at every meet and doing the best that they are capable of. In practice, repetition and a good mental attitude toward skills and routines are stressed. Hagen said individuals should have fun and stay focused. Besides coaching, Hagen is a PE, Health and English teacher. In previous years she has also coached basketball and track.

Soccer team has fine success

By Kristy Eastman

Most people don't know about the 19 and under boys soccer team, but the team is made up of all LHS players. The team is coached by Mike Stahl, who has been coaching the boys team for five years.

The team consists of senior Jesse Hanna; juniors Eli Trevino, Troy Kucera, Kory Lanphear, Jess Reausaw, Ben Grosek, Jaron Cockrum, Jeremy VanDeest, Jason Grensteiner, and sophomores Jeremiah Mollman, Cody Stahl, Philip

contribute most of their success to the fact that the team has been playing together for so many years. Sophomore Phil Hawki said, "After playing together for so long, you really get to know how each of the players will react in certain situations. Also knowing how your teammates will react will help the team

play together better." Junior Troy Kucera said, "Since we have been together for so long, we have had winning teams and competitive play. In the future I hope we have the same outcome."

The 19 and under team participated in the Belle Fourche Halloween Tournament on Nov.

5-6. The boys came out of the tournament as champions. They played two Rushmore Clubs, a Spearfish team, and a Belle Fourche team. The Belle Fourche Halloween Tournament was the last outdoor soccer match for the team. The season will begin again in December with the indoor match-ups.

"Since we have been together for so long, we have had winning teams and competitive play," said Kucera.



Jaron Cockrum steals the ball from his opponent and heads down to the other end of the field.



Kory Lanphear battles for the ball with his opponent.

Winter sports kick off new season

By Kristy Eastman

Now that the snow has fallen, and the fall sports are over, it is time for the winter sports to begin. The winter sports, boys basketball, girls volleyball, wrestling, and gymnastics kick off Nov. 21 with a gymnastics meet in Sturgis. There are even some new coaches this year.

Head coach Keith Moore came to the Lead High School boys basketball from Helca. The boys started practice on the 27th of Nov. Moore is assisted by Brian Jandahl and Frosty Horton.

Girls volleyball season started practice on Nov. 20. They have practice at 5:45 a.m. and at 3:30 p.m.. They are coached by Cindy Smith and she will be assisted by Staci Peterson and an unknown freshman coach. The girls hope to live up to their great finish last year and hopefully go to state. Senior Narissa Stahl said "Even though we had early morning practices, I think it will all pay off in the end. And I think state is looking well within in reach."

Wrestling is already underway. The boys started practice on the 6th of Nov. and their first match is on Dec. 1 for JV in Sturgis and Dec. 2 for Varsity in Newcastle. The boys will be coached by head coach Francis Schaffer this year and assisted by Shannon Percy.

Gymnastics is the only 1 participant sport at the school.

Gymnastics season begins

By Narissa Stahl

After 13 years of hard work and dedication, Senior Allison Eastmo is the only student to represent the LHS gymnastics team.

For many years, LHS didn't have a gymnastics team but that didn't stop Eastmo. To keep in shape, Eastmo practices five days a week for about two and a half hours. Even though she practices with Sturgis, she still represents LHS at every meet. Eastmo is coached by Lisa Pingrey, from Sturgis High School and Robin Hagen, P.E. teacher from LHS. Eastmo must make up all her routines for all of her events which include, balance beam, bars, floor and vault. She says that she does not have a favorite event, it just depends on what is going well. By now, Eastmo is used to being the only gymnast from LHS, but would like more to go out so that there can be a program next year after she leaves for college. In the future Eastmo does not plan to participate in gymnastics in college.

Her first meet was November 21 in Sturgis. Eastmo said that this early meet was more like a practice meet than real meet and the gymnasts did not have much time to prepare for it. Eastmo placed sixth on the bars and missed placing on the balance beam by on tenth of a point.

Takini students dance

By Kim Jones

Native Americans from Takini schools visited Nov. 6. They dance and explained what they were doing and why it was important to their culture.

The Native Americans come into an event with a grand entry. This introduces each dance group. They do their dance, making a circle and then making it tighter as they dance. The Native Americans are trying to bring their children back into the nest by dancing a song.

There are a wide range of dances. There is the shawl dance for the women, it is done with a shawl and regular dancing dress. The jingle dance for women has a dress with bells that jingle. The grass dance for men which is for warriors going to war or hunt. The costume consists of long strings that look like grass. There is also the traditional dance for boys and girls, which tells a story about someone who has died or for an elder. The round dance is for all different ages to come out and make a circle. In the circle you dance around staying within the circle. The audience is invited to go down and dance the round dance.

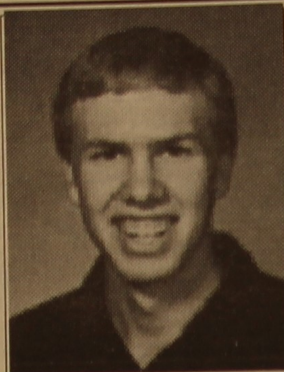
Each presentation at the assembly was meant for a specific purpose. The women dance for the reason the dancing is in the family and the dance goes back to their ancestors. The men may dance for a fellow warrior that has died bravely or they are following their ancestors as well. As the Native Americans dance for their families, and they explain their heritage. The dances say something if a person can watches and listens to the drum beat.

Students perform play

By Jeremy Larson

A *Murder is Announced* by Agatha Christie is the play Director Barb Fosheim chose for the first play of the year. Fosheim chose *A Murder is Announced* because of the cast size she needed and because she had never directed a mystery before. The play is about an ad that is taken out in the paper that says there will be a murder in a house. When all the guests show up they all find out that Rudi Scherz, played by Ben Vardiman, was murdered sometime during the day. The rest of the cast will try to stay alive and solve the mystery.

There were about thirty students trying out for the play. Students making up the cast are Afton Volner as Julia Simmons, Nicole Quaschnick as Letitia Blacklock, Mary Kay Calabro as Dora Bunner, Joshua Robinson as Patrick Simmons, Shelly Slatkin as Mitzi, Amanda Everhard as Miss Marple, Desiree Thorp as Phillipa Haymes, Nancy Varick as Mrs. Swettenham, Keith Melcher as Edmund Swettenham, Ben Vardiman as Rudi Scherz, Brian Adams as Inspector Craddock and Jess Reaasaw as Sergeant Mellors. The understudies are Dawn Richards and Jesse VanGeystelen. Cast members practice a few hours every day after school. The play will be performed in the auditorium Dec. 1-2 at 7:30 p.m.



Meet student Jeremy VanDeest

Hobbies: Snowmobiling, hunting

Grade: 11

Favorite Class and Teacher:

Study Hall in the Library; Mr. Linn

Favorite Pro Sport and Team:

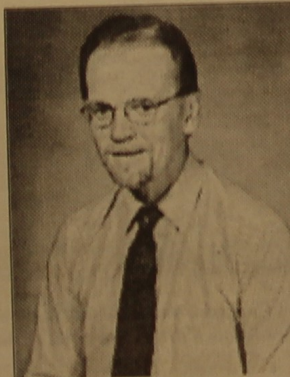
Football, Dallas Cowboys

Biggest Pet Peeve: Mr. Comer giving too much homework

Family: Parents- Bob and Sandy; Sister- Sara; Brother- Andy

Favorite Movies: *Gone with the Wind*, *Sound of Music*

Future Plans: Get through high school, make a lot of money and buy a Lamborghini



Meet teacher Larry Nelson

Hobbies: Hunting- fishing

Biggest Pet Peeve: Input/Output errors

Family: Wife- June; Son- Troy; Grandson- Tyler; Granddaughter- Haley

Favorite Movie: *Lonesome Dove*

Teaching Position: English Teacher

Favorite Food: B-B-Q'd Ribs

College(s) attended: Black Hills State University, University of NH, Peru State College

Good luck Reader's Theatre as you head to the state tournament in Huron!!!



Ski season begins

By Stacia Bersheid

The snow has fallen and the skiers are ready to bundle up and hit the slopes. Mike Grant, sophomore, has been skiing for approximately nine years. He went skiing for the first time this season on Saturday Nov. 18, and He said, "We need more snow, but after that, skiing will get better like it always does. Eventually it will be pretty 'phat'."

Deer Mountain opened on Nov. 10 and Terry Peak opened on Nov. 26. Deer Mountain's base is 14 inches and Terry Peak has a base of 18 inches.

An adult pass for one day at Deer Mountain is \$22.00 and a junior pass is \$18.00. A season pass for an adult is \$200.00 and a junior season pass is \$145.00.

An adult day pass is \$29.00 and a junior day pass is \$25.00. A season's pass for Terry Peak is \$299.00 plus tax.

Although Deer Mountain is smaller than Terry Peak, it has things that Terry Peak does not have, such as two pama lifts and night skiing. Night skiing is popular with the locals and tourists. It starts at 4:30 p.m. and ends at 9:30 p.m.

Skiing and other winter sports bring hundreds of tourists to the Black Hills each year. The Slopes main source of business, however, comes from the local communities.

Hills deer season underway

By Kena Juso

Dawn of Nov. 1 was the opening day of Hills deer hunting. The season lasts until dusk Nov. 30.

This is the month of early mornings for many hills deer hunters who want to be the first to come back with the big buck. For some students, that big buck may just win them some other big bucks. Mr. Wayne Delzer had a sign up for this year's big buck contest in his room. The winner will be announced after the last day of the season. The contest is judged by number of points and the length of the spread of the deer's antlers.

Hunting is a sport practiced since the dark ages. For many civilizations hunting was the only way to obtain food to feed the family. Some people such as the Native Americans worshipped the animals because of the food and clothing the animal would provide them.

Today there are many reasons for people to hunt. Some hunt just for the sport, to be outdoors or for a fun way to get food.

Senior Jason Hagerty said, "I like to go hunting to be outside and get the biggest deer."

Most anyone over the age of 16 can hunt if an application is obtained. For those people still under 16 the NRA class must be taken and passed before they are allowed to hunt. Children are allowed to take this class as soon as they are 11.5.

Hunting may be one of the most controversial subjects, especially for the animal rights activists. Some say hunting is cruelty to animals, but others see it as simply helping out control population by reducing the number of animals so that the food supply is greater. The Department of Game, Fish and Parks limits the numbers of licenses given out so that the game population is not in danger.

Teacher Barb Fosheim said, "I don't really have an opinion either way. I think that it's fine to hunt as long as you use the animal and it doesn't go to waste. Personally I couldn't do it though."

Freshman Venus Ortiz said, "I think hunting is wrong and shouldn't be done. The animals are innocent and have done nothing wrong."