



Weather

Today: Partly cloudy.
High 45°.

Tonight: Mostly clear. Low 38°.

Friday: Mostly sunny. Much warmer.
High 65°.

Campus

Lunch today: Chili fritos

A la carte lines: Cheese pizza, chef salad, barbeque ribbette sandwich, deluxe nachos

Friday: Baked potato bar

In the counseling center:

•Representatives from area institutions will visit during lunch hours in upcoming days.

WednesdayU.S.D., Vermillion

March 24S.D.S.U., Brookings

March 26U.S. Marines

March 27U. of Sioux Falls

Meeting announcements:

•Prom Committee members will meet at 3:10 p.m. today in E-109.

•Boys tennis players will meet at 3:05 p.m. today or at 7:45 a.m. Friday in A-225.

•Renaissance Committee members will meet at 7:30 a.m. Friday in A-221.

•Peer helpers will meet at 7:30 a.m. Friday in A-234.

•A Highstepper organizational meeting will be held at 3:10 p.m. Monday in A-141.

•Principal's Advisory Council members will meet during fifth period Tuesday in the office.

•Treble Chorale auditions will be held from 3:10-4 p.m. Tuesday and 1:30-2:15 p.m. March 20 in C-110.

Other reminders:

•Applications for the 2003-04 National Honor Society are due by 3 p.m. Friday to adviser Sue Cronkhite.

•The Josten's representative will visit today and Friday during lunch.

School dismisses early

School will run from 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. March 20-21 so students can attend the state basketball tournament.

Students who wish to be dismissed at 11:45 a.m. to attend the 1 p.m. game March 20 must bring a note from a parent.

Fourteen qualify for nationals at state marketing conference

By Timothy James Anderson and Pat McCann

WHIS marketing students took part in the DECA, a marketing organization, Career Development Conference Sunday through Tuesday in Sioux Falls.

Adviser Rhonda Gassman said the WHS DECA students did well.

"The students did awesome—out of 24 students that participated from WHS, 20 received certificates or higher placings," Gassman said.

WHS also had 14 students qualify for the national DECA conference to be held in Florida April 25-30. Seniors Kayla Alexander, Summer Chambers, Megan Bult, Jenny Swanson, Beth Swedeen, Shandy Dvorak, Lee DeBolt, Roger McQuisten, Kevin Berger, Nikki LaFleur, Kyle Thill and Travis Hatlestad and juniors Jeff Hofer and Mikey Stevens qualified for the



Photo by Anthony Butzer

SUCCESS—Members of the WHS DECA team including (from left) seniors Kevin Berger, Kyle Thill, Josh Skogen, Jenny Swanson and Brent Wilson, adviser Rhonda Gassman and junior Jeff Hofer wait for their next event at the Radisson Encore Hotel Monday.

National DECA Conference.

Other award winners included seniors Brent Wilson, Grant Williams, John Anderson, Josh Skogen, Jenna VanHeerde, Jenny Swanson, Jeremy Seykora and Bill Ellis.

DeBolt said the team did very well at state.

"We had 14 qualifiers and we had one of the best outcomes we've ever had,"

DeBolt said. "It was funny to watch Mrs. Gassman's reactions to the award ceremony—she was jumping and screaming."

Swedeen said the competition was a great experience.

"Not only do we get to participate in DECA as a good time, we also get valuable experience that will last a lifetime," Swedeen said.

Baseball team ready for successful season

By JJ Heyden and Andy Mortenson

The Warrior baseball team started their quest for a state title Monday as the season opened with a practice in the auxiliary gym.

The team will be looking to improve on their first round loss in the state tournament a year ago.

Though baseball is not recognized by the South Dakota High School Activities Association, this is the third year baseball players have been

able to compete for an athletic letter since its inception as a WHS club sport in 2001.

Sophomore Tim Corey said he believes the team will have a successful season.

"We've only had one practice so far, but we are a young team with lots of talent," Corey said. "We should be a contender for the state championship."

Freshman Tom Erpenbach said he agrees with Corey about the potential of the upcoming season.

"We will do great," Erpenbach said. "We have a good coach and we expect to get to the state tournament."

Junior Josh Rohrich is optimistic about his first year of school baseball.

"It's my first year of school baseball and I'm looking forward to it," Rohrich said. "We're young, but will practice hard and should end up being pretty good."

The team's first game will be held April 1 at Brandon Valley High School.