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Lois and Russ crowned at 1972 Homecoming Coronation

by Al Heber

Coronation ceremonies were held in the Corsica gym at 7:30 Thursday evening, September 28.

The big moment came as Master of Ceremonies, Lornie VanZee, presented the candidates. Last year's Homecoming Queen, Peggy Brink, then crowned Russell Metzger and Lois Groen as Royalty for 1972-73. The other candidates were Jeanne Hoekstra, Donna Sprecher, Tom Eggers and Jerry Dykstra. Kim Hall and Perry VanRoekel served as crown bearers.

Entertainment was provided as the cheerleaders led the Pep Club in a few rousing cheers. A skit about game predictions from various figures in the community was presented by members of the Pep Club. Fred Eitemiller topped it off by singing a solo.

Thursday evening after coronation, the main street and business places of Corsica were infiltrated by a chain of peppy cheerleaders and pep club members. The annual snake dance slithered through Corsica again, with many spectators on hand to boost morale. The night's activities continue See CORONATION page 7.

by Laura Vanden Hoek

After the big disappointment of losing the game the high school had another disappointment. The band, "Friends of Mine", who were to play at the dance, got a mix-up on the dates and had another engagement for Friday night. But the high school kids put their thinking caps on and soon a record player and records were there and the kids were on the floor dancing.

The gym was decorated with two different shades of blue crepe paper streamers. This year there were two themes for the dance: "Colour My World" and "Sealed With a Kiss".

The high school kids made a fun evening of what could have been a catastrophe.

SENIOR FLOAT

PLACES FIRST

This past week everyone was busy making floats! It started Tuesday night when everyone began putting their floats together. Everyone was able to work on their floats Tuesday night, Thursday night after the bonfire, and all day Friday, or until Cont. col. 3

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the floats were done.

The parade was scheduled for 6:30 this year. The Corsica High School band led the parade with the royalty cars following. All the floats were entered starting with the high school floats. The theme for this year was T.V. shows. The seniors had "Dialing for Success", the juniors had "M*A*S*H", the sophomores had "Temperature Rising", and the freshmen had the "F.B.I." The results were announced at the game during halftime. The seniors captured the 1st place with their float.

Pep Days Take Place

by Gloria Spaans

In order to get everyone fired up for Homecoming, it was decided to have grub, clash, maroon and white, and spirit days again this year. There were no prizes given.

The Pep Club chose to have grub and clash day on Tuesday. Almost everyone cooperated. The kids came to school with overalls, funny hats, caps, and unmatched shoes, or anything to make themselves feel comfortable and grubby. Also, many wore stripes, plaids, Cont. pp. 2, col. 3

LOOK AHEAD

paper staff is hard at work

by Lois Groen

Another year of school has begun and for the Seniors, it's a special one. It is our last year to pull up our grades, get involved in high school activities, and prove ourselves as adults. We realize that this is our last chance to really use the skills we have to build a decent frame for our future. We find ourselves both looking back and looking forward. From one year to the next, one can't help but look back at past events or accomplishments and be proud. We can all look back to last year and be proud of our football team, our basketball team, our success with the musical, and the goals reached in math and business contests. But this is in the past--these things are memories. Now we must look forward. We must give our very best to get the very best. We are burdened with the idea that in past years of high school, we have had fun but what worthwhile things have we accomplished for ourselves? Now we have one year to pull our grade average up high enough to be accepted into the college of our choice. Others will be going on to vocational schools or getting jobs but even this will require the knowledge that should come from study throughout your high school years. For you freshmen and sophomores this may seem like something you have a long time to think about but the time for making these important decisions for your life comes all too soon and you must be prepared for them when they come. You must start now by taking advantage of the opportunities a high school education offers B.Z.

The paper staff again faces the task of organizing the school paper. Everyone has been busy thinking of new ideas for articles and ways to make this year's "COMET" different and more interesting. The paper staff would appreciate any ideas, articles, or suggestions from anyone as to how we can make it more interesting and enjoyable for YOU--the reader.

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SCHOOL SPIRIT

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polka dots, and mixed colors.

On Wednesday, maroon and white was worn. Practically everyone responded and wore anything that contained the school colors. Most of the football guys had their maroon shirts on.

Spirit day, which was on Thursday, brought many of the students to school in a good mood.

It was a good way to show the school's spirit for the Homecoming game on Friday night. Almost everyone enjoyed it.

The heaviest recorded human was the 6 foot tall Robert Earl Hughes of Fish Hook, Illinois. His greatest recorded weight was 1,069 lbs. in 1958.

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Future Nurses Look Ahead

by Dorothy Spaans

On September 12, at 2:45 the first Future Nurses Club meeting was held. Lonnie Van Roekel, last year's vice-president presided.

In the election which was held, Bev Zwart was nominated president; Nancy Star, vice-president; and Bev Mulder, Secretary-Treasurer. Other members are Shirley Rus, Dorothy Spaans, Judy Cannon, Renee Eye, Shirley Bultje, Lonnie Van Roekel, and Judy Herrig. Mrs. Dean Hamberg is the advisor.

It was decided to have first-aid films and to tour the Abbot House, Methodist Hospital, and Vo-Tech school at Mitchell. The date for the tour was set for October 17, and it has been approved.

It was decided that the next meeting was to be held on Tuesday, October 10, 1972. Renee Eye will be giving a report on Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton.

"B" Squad Chosen

On September 1 the B-team cheerleaders for the Corsica Comets were chosen. The student body assembled in the gym where they watched a cheer and the school song. Those trying out were Karla Beukelman, Rhonda Plooster, Barb Droppers, Debbie Arlt, Marsha VandenHoek, Londa Bosma, Ruth De Vries, and Debbie Eggors. After all the votes were cast and counted, it was announced that the 1972-1973 B-team cheerleaders were Ruth De Vries, Marsha VandenHoek, Rhonda Plooster, Debbie Eggors, and Debbie Arlt.

A hearty thank-you and congratulations to Merlin DeBoer, a 1971 graduate of CHS, for the construction and painting of the sign above the front door of the school announcing, "Corsica Community School".

PARENTS ATTEND CONFERENCE

by Phyllis Vanden Hoek

School was dismissed for the students on September 22, when Corsica High School held its first parent-teacher conference. It was an opportunity for the students' parents to visit with the teachers and find out how his child is doing in each course.

Each parent was given five minutes with each teacher. This gave the parent and the teacher time to go over the student's work.

It was stated that there was an acceptable attendance to this conference.

SAFETY CONFERENCE PLANNED

On September 19, Mr. Droppers took Jeanne Hoekstra to Pierre for a meeting to help make arrangements for the Governor's Teen-age Traffic Safety Conference which will be held on November 9 and 10. The meeting started at 10:00 a.m. and was dismissed at 3:30 p.m. This meeting was attended by the 1972 officers of the conference. Officer Balogh assisted the officers. Final arrangements for the conference will be made on October 19 at Pierre.

DECLAM PARTICIPATION REACHES HIGH OF 32

by Mary Van Roekel

Declamation for this year is again underway. Thirty-one students attended the first meeting headed by Mrs. Keith. There is a wide participation range in the four classes, which include readings from poetry, oratory, dramatic, and humorous.

The first contest, which is the local contest, will be held October 24 in Corsica. The winners of the local contest will proceed to the district contest, which is held on October 26 in Platte.

Declam members who are interested in attending workshops will have the opportunity to go to Vermillion October 14. The purpose of the workshop is to give assistance with the selection, and for the students to listen to others in the various divisions.

Students participating in declam are as follows:
Oratory: Faye Menning, Mick Bordewyk, Randy Dockendorf.
Dramatic: Lonnie Van Zee, Ginger Schrank, Pam Engelland, Lois Broen, Bev Zwart, Londa Gruenewald, Doris Niewenhuis, Carol Hubers, Helen Van Dyke, Bev Iverson, and Debbie Arlt.

Humorous: Linda Van Genderen, Debbie Partelt, Janice Brink, Mrasha Vanden Hoek, Doug Dappen, Renee Tecklenburg, Gloria Spaans, Evelyn Van Dyke, Barb Droppers, Nanci Scholten, and Karla Beukelman.

Poetry: Lindi Gruenewald, Mary Van Roekel, Dorothy Spaans, Marcia Ligtenberg, Connie Rexwinkel, Jeni Van Dyke.

CLASS NEWS

Senior Happenings

by Renee Bye

Can you believe this is the last year of high school for the class of '73? It really goes fast once you're started! The size of the senior class stayed the same with 25 students enrolled. Class officers are Darrell VandenHoek, president; Tom Eggers, vice-president; Lois Groen, secretary; Lonnie VanRoekal, Treasurer; and Jeanne Hoekstra, student council representative. Class advisors are Mr. Billars, Miss Wagner, and Mr. Eitemiller.

On September 8, Mr. Baird talked to the seniors about senior pictures. He gave information as to the right thing to wear and the right time to take them. He suggested SDEA week as the best time to take them.

The seniors chose graduation announcements on September 19. The ones chosen this year are very different from the ones in previous years. They are contemporary cards and even have a different verse in them.

Last week the seniors worked on floats for homecoming on Friday. The theme was "Dialing for Success", taken from the show "Dialing for Dollars".

That's all we've done so far, but there's a lot more to come for the senior class of CHS!

JUNIORS REPORT

by Nancy Star

The class of '74' has 38 members this year. Class officers were elected on August 29. Lonnie Van Zee was elected president, and Albert Heber will assist her as vice president, Marcia Ligtenberg was chosen for secretary-treasurer. Faye Menning will represent the junior class in the student council.

We chose M*A*S*H for our Homecoming float title. The setting for the float showed a large potato masher about to land on a Bonesteel Tiger. The float was built in Vern Beukelman's garage.

Another event that the juniors are looking forward to is the ordering of their class rings on October 5.

The class is looking forward to a busy happy year studying and working together in classes and activities.

SOPHOMORES SPEAK

by Bev Everson

The sophomore class started out with a new student this year, Arend Kuyper. He has moved here from Stickney.

The sophomore class had something new in the curriculum. English II and Speech are combined this year. English is in the cont. col. 3

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first semester and Speech in the second.

When election of officers were held, Ruth De Vries was chosen president; Arend Kuyper, vice-president; Dale Weerheim, secretary-treasurer; and Kent Fisher as student council representative.

On September 8, the sophomores held the freshman dance in the high school gym after the football game. It was well attended by all. Lunch was served during the dance.

Our Homecoming theme was "Temperature Rising" which was changed to the "Comets are Rising." The whole class worked faithfully on the float but it didn't place.

freshmen begin

by Pam Engelland

The freshman class of CHS was honored with an initiation dance put on by the sophomores a week after school started.

Class officers were elected as follows: Terry Hall, president; Carol Hubbers, vice-president; Linda VanGenderen, secretary-treasurer; Randy Olawsky, student council representative.

The class voted for a theme for the freshman Homecoming float under the supervision of Mr. Brown, freshman class advisor. The F.B.I. was chosen for the theme and the slogan was "Fence Bonesteel In".

Thursday night, the See FRESHMAN NEWS

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CHS Welcomes Five New Faculty Members

by Marilyn Gerlach

The Corsica Public School got under way on Friday, August 25, with a total enrollment of 381 students, 119 of whom are high school students: 25 seniors, 38 juniors, 23 sophomores, and 33 freshmen. Lessons began on Monday and the buses started making the regular routine routes.

The staff of four new teachers and principal greeted the students.

Neil Hall, principal, attended Huron College and SDSU, receiving a Masters Degree. He taught at Fairfax and Plankinton. Mr. and Mrs. Hall have two children.

Also to greet science students is Terry Brown from Presho. He attended Dakota Wesleyan and during the summer, Mr. and Mrs.

Brown directed the Jim River Ranch.

For the new wrestling coach we greet Thomas Bass. He is teaching government, P.E., psychology-sociology, and social studies. Mr. Bass graduated from Dakota State College. Mr. Bass and his wife live west of Corsica.

Marjorie Wagner is the high school math and general business teacher. Miss Wagner graduated from Northern State College, with a B.S. degree in Secondary Education. She is from the town of Wagner.

Born in Ipswich, Natalie Hoerth is the Jr.-Sr. English and German teacher. She is a graduate from Northern State College.

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ident; Jeanne Hoekstra, Secretary; and Nanci Scholten, Treasurer.

The Student Council decided to make T.E. shows the theme for homecoming floats.

The gym was decorated in dark and light blue colors for the homecoming dance Friday night. The main theme was "Colour My World."

flash!

The paper staff would like to extend their sincere congratulations to Lois Groen and Russ Metzger as 1972-73 Homecoming Royalty. We also commend the students on the fine work done on the floats.

Swing Choir survives blow

by Marcia Vanden Hoek

The well-known CHS Swing Choir received quite a blow as six of the members graduated last spring. In spite of this it was decided to keep the group alive and most of the vacancies have been filled. Here are the members, old and new.

Soprano: Faye Menning, Jeanne Hoekstra, Bev Zwart, and Pam Engelland*. Alto: Donna Sprecher, Marcia VandenHoek, Lonnie Van Zee, Janice Brink, and Ginger Schrank. Tenor: Darrell Vanden Hoek, Kevin Van Genderen*, Mick Schrank*, and Randy Olawsky*. Bass: Dwight Beukelman, Doug Brink, and Arend Kuyper*.

Instrumentation will be handled by Mrs. Keith and Fred Eitemiller, piano; Marcia Vanden Hoek, flute; Bev Zwart, saxophone and the string bass.

*new members

Mr. Baird Visits CHS

On Friday, September the 8th, the halls of Corsica High School were full of hair-combing and smiling faces. The special occasion was ping-pong pictures. The pictures were taken throughout the day. All pictures were taken in order from grades 1 to 12. The country schools also had their pictures taken. Group pictures were taken of grades 1-8.

Special pictures were taken of the football team and individual football players.

STUDENT COUNCIL

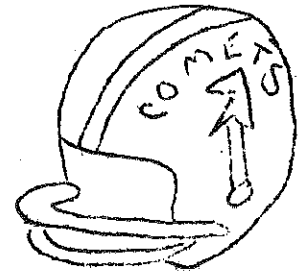
KEEPS BUSY

by Nanci Scholten

The past few weeks the Student Council has held several meetings. The members representing the various classes and organizations are Russell Metzger, Darrell VandenHoek, Jeanne Hoekstra, Lonnie Van Zee, Faye Menning, Nanci Scholten, Lindi Gruenewald, Kent Fisher, Ruth De Vries, Terry Hall, and Randy Olawsky. Mr. Hall will be the student council advisor.

The first meeting consisted of electing officers. The members elected and the offices held are as follows: Russell Metzger, President; Lonnie Van Zee, Vice Pres-
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SPORTS



The Comet sports editor for the coming year is Randy Dockendorf, a freshman. His job this year is to keep you informed on all sports happenings at CHS. This edition opens up our sports page for the 1972-1973 school year.

COMETS HOLD 2-2 RECORD

The Corsica Comets are well into the grid season as they have posted a 2-2 record in their four outings thus far. Although the record is not that impressive, Corsica's three losses have come at the hands of the top two teams in the state, Hurley and Colome. They also suffered a loss to Bonesteel. The Comets have conference wins over Geddes and Delmont along with the loss to Colome and Bonesteel for a 2-2 record in the conference.

COMETS WHIZ BY GEDDES

Corsica bombed Geddes 42-6 in both teams conference opener as the Comets collected their 22nd consecutive win. Three Comets got a pair of touchdowns for Corsica's grand total of six. Russ Metzger scored twice from the 35 and five yard lines, while Kent Fisher scampered in for 67 and one yard runs. Dale Weerheim sneaked in from the one and two. Russ Metzger and Darrell Vanden Hoek were cited for defensive work. Dennis Gant ran in Geddes' lone score.

Corsica	12	6	16	8	-42
Geddes	0	0	6	0	-6

COMETS SUFFER 1ST SEASONAL LOSS

Colome's ~~cowboys~~ "de-feated Corsica 44-18 for the Comets' first loss in 23 games. However, Colome did not seal in the game until the final minutes of the contest. With the score 28-18, Cowboys, the home team scored a touchdown that would have put them within four, but had it called back on a penalty. The visitors then kept the ball and scored two touchdowns to lock up the game.

The Comets scored twice in the air and once on the ground. Tom Eggers passed 15 yards to Russ Metzger for a 6-0 lead. Tom also unloaded a 60-yard bomb to Kent Fisher. Kent got a touchdown as he scampered in from seven yards out for Corsica's third score. Jerry Dykstra was mentioned on defense for the Comets.

Colome	0	14	14	16	-44
Corsica	6	0	6	6	-18

COMETS SLIP BY WILDCATS

Corsica slipped past the Delmont Wildcats in a Fort Randall Conference game, 34-28. Corsica took a 6-0 lead, but Delmont scored 22 straight points before the Comets put across a touchdown. In the second half Corsica put on a tre-

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mendous rally for a 26-22 lead at the end of the third quarter, and held off the Wildcats in the fourth quarter to gain the victory.

Kent Fisher was the offensive power for Corsica as he ran 50, 5, 9, and 2 yards. Dale Weerheim scored the other touchdown on a two yard plunge. Tom Eggers had a hand in both conversions as he passed to Dick Bordewyk for two points and scored the other two points by carrying the ball.

Tom Eggers and Russ Metzger were the defensive sparkplugs for the Comets.

Corsica	6	6	14	8	-34
Delmont	6	16	0	6	-28

COMETS FALL TO BULLDOGS

Corsica played Hurley, the No. 1 team in the state, but was on the short end of a 46-0 score. Hurley did most of their damage in the first half as they racked up 34 points. Corsica penetrated to the Bulldog 23 yard line, but were stopped. Jerry Dykstra and Russ Metzger received praise from the Corsica coaching staff.

Hurley	8	16	6	6	-46
Corsica	0	0	0	0	-0

The "B" team has also been active as they have compiled a 2-1 record. They blasted Mt. Vernon 42-0 in the season opener, lost to Geddes 12-0, and clipped Ethan 34-12.

Comets Lose Homecoming Battle

by Randy Dockendorf

Corsica entered its homecoming game with spirit high, but was on the short end of a 36-14 score. In the first quarter it looked as though the Comets would blow the Tigers off the field, as they roared to a 14-0 lead. However, Bonesteel battled back to tie the score at halftime. The opponents took the lead in the third period and held on for their 22 point victory. Corsica's two touchdowns came on Russ Metzger's five yard score and Kent Fisher's 65 yard run. Arend Kuyper was cited for his defensive efforts.

Bonesteel	0	14	8	14	-36
Corsica	14	0	0	0	-14

Labor Day Beginning

by Bonnie De Boer

Hey, what is Labor Day? If I asked you this question you would probably say that it is a holiday, or you could answer that it is a day when there is no school. Most people know this much about Labor Day, but actually what is it? You can get a good idea about what it is by looking at the name of this holiday. Labor Day is a holiday which honors all the working people.

Labor Day is one of the holidays which is comparatively young. Suggestions were made in 1882 that America create a national holiday for the working people. Then the labor

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unions joined in the campaign to make a Labor Day. In 1894 the national Labor Day holiday was first observed and is still celebrated on the first Monday of September.

Ours is not the only country that observes Labor Day. Other countries such as Puerto Rico, Canada, Australia, and European countries also celebrate this holiday. In Australia and the European countries the day is meant for honoring people but it also has another meaning. It commemorates their successful struggle for the shorter working day.

PEP CLUB IN ACTION

by Lois Groen

If you happen to walk through the gym during the 8th period and come across a group of giggly girls, it's most likely the Pep Club.

Since the beginning of school the Pep Club has held a number of meetings. The members have discussed projects to raise money or have been learning new songs and cheers from the cheerleaders.

One of the first projects was the sale of mums for Homecoming which proved very successful with orders. It was also decided to order "pep buttons" for all the members to wear to the games.

The new officers for the 1972-73 school year are: Lindi Gruenewald, President; Lois Groen, Vice President; Doris Niewenhuis, Secretary-Treasurer; and Nancy Scholten, Student Council Representative. Also new this year is a sign committee headed by Marcia Ligtenberg and Janice Brink.

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Songs Have Special Meaning

By Renee Bye

I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing -- Mr. Eitemiller

High Hopes -- Teachers

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang -- Judy Ommen's Car

Green Fields -- Cal Mulenburg

British Grenadiers -- CHS Marching Band

Goin' Out of My Head -- Psychology Class

For All We Know -- Freshmen

Go Forth -- Seniors

Ding-A-Ling -- Rus Metzger

Song Sung Blue -- Mixed Chorus

Sounds of Silence -- Study Hall

I'm on the Road -- Drivers Ed Class

I Really Don't Want to Know -- CHS Parents

Hair -- Jerry Star

CORONATION

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tinued as the student body wearily dragged themselves to the bonfire. After everyone had their turn at running around the fire, Mr. Wagner was called on to say a few words. The evening concluded with pop and hot-dogs served by Freddie's I.G.A.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

LIBRAS

If you're born September 22 to October 23 your sign of the zodiac is Libra the Balance.

A Libra is well balanced, handsome, graceful, tasteful, discriminating, peace lovers, self reliant. Have good sense of humor. Dislike hard work and careless in money matters. Your ruler is Venus. Your lucky day is Monday and unlucky day is Thursday. You'll be most successful in the months of August and December.

Those born under this sign are as follows:

- Brian Stredde - September 24
- Cheryl Sprecher - September 28
- Curt Kredit - October 9
- Steven Bamberg - October 10
- Vernon Heber - October 14

Coming Events



- October 6 - Football game at Avon
- October 11-12-13 - SDEA (no school)
- October 13 - Football game with Armour (home)
- October 18 - Lorge-Thorndyke Test for Freshmen
- October 20 - Football game at Tripp
- October 21 - ACT test for Seniors in Mitchell
- October 23 - Veterans Day (no school)
- October 24-25-26-30-31 - District Declamation Contest
- October 27 - Football game with Marty Mission (home)
- October 27 - End of the first 9 week period
- October 28 - PSAT/NMSQT test
- October 31 - Halloween
- October 31 - Second edition of the "COMET"

FRESHMAN NEWS

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freshman class was responsible for preparing the bonfire for the pep rally.

The freshman are quickly becoming acquainted with high school life.

PSYCHOLOGY CLASS

VISITS REDFIELD

by Donna Sprecher

On Tuesday, September 26 at 9:00 a.m., the Psychology class left on a field trip to Redfield
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where they visited the State Hospital.

The tour began at 1:00 with a talk by one of the directors, telling about the residents and what their main problems were.

The tour included all the classrooms and many of the wards. At the end, the guide showed the group the hospital's recreation center and the different things there to keep the residents occupied.

At 4:30 the tour was concluded and the homeward trip begun.

TEACHERS

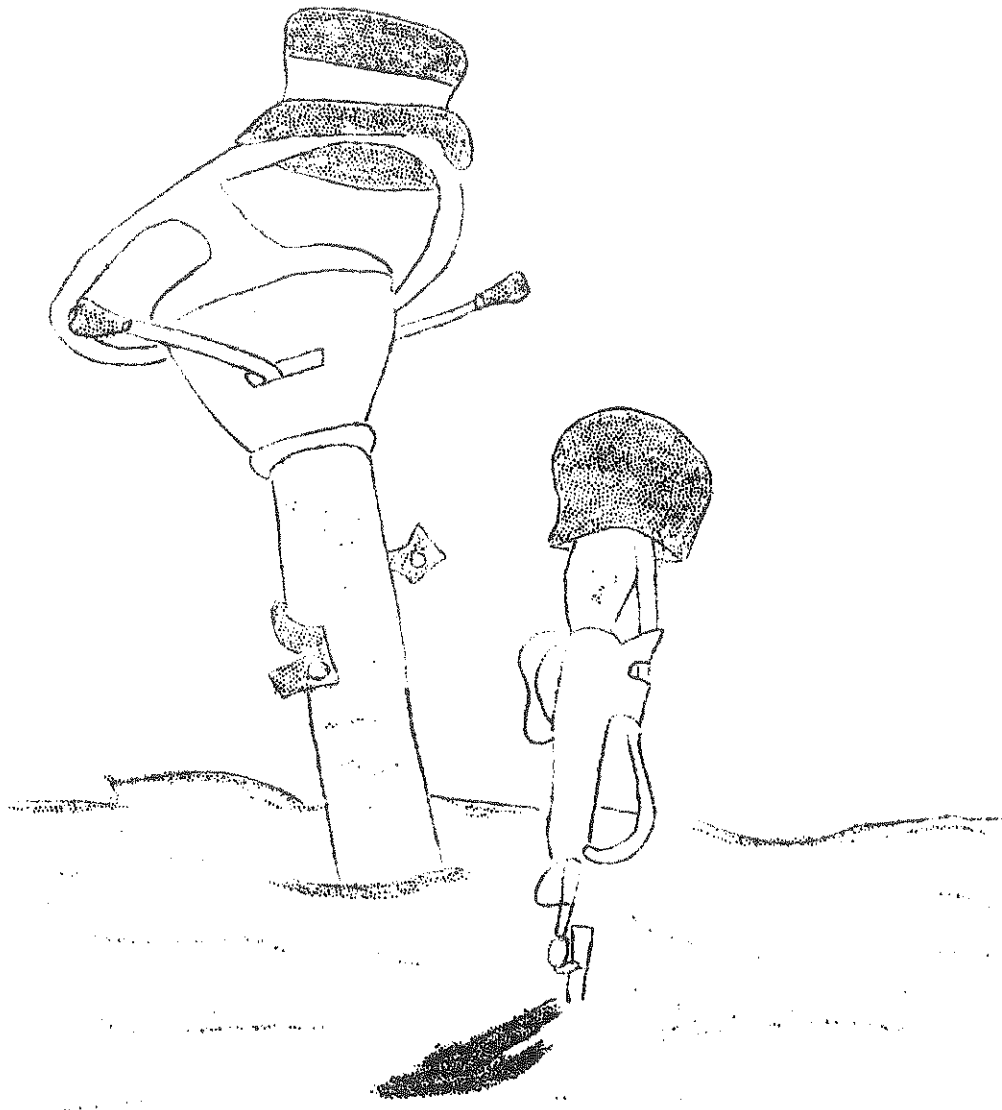
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DRUG WORKSHOP

A drug workshop was held in the Corsica Public school on September 5. All teachers and administrators from the surrounding schools were invited to attend.

The teachers learned about the extent of drug use in South Dakota and they were told of many of the projects which are being initiated to control the drug problem in our state. The drug problem, the teachers were told, is very widespread in South Dakota and there are few, if any, communities which have not been affected by drugs. Because it is very hard for parents to accept the fact that their child has tried drugs or is using drugs, the state and other anti-drug groups are working through the teachers and administrators as a means of warning children and parents about the harmful effect of drugs. Through this means, they will also be able to help those young people who are using drugs, as well as those who are addicted.

CHS Safety Council
Wants YOU To Be
Armed!



Casualties in the war of 1972 are mounting.
If you drive, if you are a passenger, or if you
are a pedestrian, you are in uniform on the field
of battle!

