

The **Forum** Corsica High School

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Kliwer considered mainstay

When it comes to law enforcement in Douglas County, Deputy Sheriff Mike Kliwer is thought of as a mainstay in the local juvenile judicial system.

Kliwer has been with the local law enforcement agency for three years since moving out of Los Angeles where he acquired his unique background in juvenile work.

Kliwer attended college in Los Angeles for two years and then worked as a plain-clothes security officer for a time. His main interest concentration at that job was the apprehension of juvenile shoplifters. He then moved into the probation department where he worked with special schools. The students at those schools were "outcasts" the ones no one could do anything

with or just didn't want to try to do anything with them," Kliwer said.

In the schools he worked with, he conducted athletic programs and education level tests. "In a lot of schools down there, they just push those kids through, simply to get rid of them," he said. "but the athletics were really quite popular among most of the students."

Kliwer feels that the kids really enjoyed all the sports they participated in. "Basketball, baseball, field hockey and the like were all favorites but the utmost was football. When they could go out there and hit hard and beat on each other, they thought it was just great," he said. "They loved it because it so much resembled the hand-to-hand street fights

they were involved in every day."

On the educational level, Kliwer said that it was no real surprise to find 17-year-olds with only a fourth-grade education. "The kids never really cared about their education and their parents were lucky to even know where their child was, much less caring about his education," he said.

According to Kliwer, in Los Angeles to be with the "in" crowd you have to be rough and tough, whereas in the Corsica-Armour area, "If you drink beer, speal your tires, or just go to the parties, you're 'in'," he said. "In Los Angeles you're 'cool' if you knife someone or even kill a member of a rival gang."

Kliwer feels that kids in Los Angeles were answerable for

what they did because their parents didn't care. "They wanted opportunities but didn't know how to look for them. They lived on a 'what you do is how you survive' theory, because they know they have no future to look forward to," he said.

"That's the big difference between the kids here and there," he added, "because juveniles up here do things and then write them off as part of growing up. Here, people keep with the 'kids will be kids' attitude. Kids here do what is expected of them while growing up, because they all have a future of some sort or other to look forward to."

"Overall the kids up here are totally different and easier to work with than the kids in Los Angeles," he concluded.

Country schools becoming part of past

Country schools, once a common sight around the country, are now becoming a part of history.

Beukelman School is the only country school still operating in the Corsica School District. Jacqueline Sly, teacher at the Beukelman School, has six students in second, third, and fifth grade. Each grade has classes in math, reading, English, science, social studies, and spelling. "I guess because I taught individually in Special Education, it isn't a problem for me to get all the subjects in for the grades," said Sly.

Still, with all those classes, Sly doesn't have much free time throughout the day. Sly explained, "There is never anyone around to take over for me. Even if the kids are outside playing I try to go out with them as much as I can. Sometimes I grab five minutes and quick correct something while they are kind of scraggling

out the door. Otherwise, there isn't any time that I have, but it works out fine."

Sly believes that there are certain advantages to country schools. "I think you can individualize a lot more in your country schools. If a student has problems in school the teacher has more time to help him.

"Also," Sly added, "the younger kids pick up things from the older kids. Even though they are supposed to be doing their own work they listen to the other classes and get ideas to try out on their own."

Discipline problems are very rare at the school. "Here there are so few students that we really don't have any discipline problems at all," said Sly. "The kids are great as far as working together. They really care about each other."

Sly feels the quality of the education is the same as the town schools' in most areas. But she

also feels that the students might be missing out on the social part of town schools. "I don't think it hurts the kids so much in the lower grades but by the time they get into the seventh and eighth grade it is a good idea to get in with a bigger group of kids. Socially the students are protected quite a bit out here in a country school," Sly said.

Sly believes that economic factors are hurting country schools. "I'm sure it isn't as economical for the school

districts to run a country school now, especially if they are running busses right past the school," she said. "I'm sure it would be simpler to absorb the kids into the town school system considering the cost of hiring the teacher, paying fuel bills, and that sort of thing. I can see why a lot of the country schools are closing."

Sly is not, however, anxious to see the school close. "I really enjoy it out here," she said. "I'm sure it's not for everyone, but I enjoy it."



Teens live in 'grab and run world'

"Our world's becoming a grab and run world--we just grab a candy bar or some other snack and run," said Amy Gjesdal, home economics teacher, about nutrition.

"Nutrition is a lot more than just eating any food; it's important to eat the right type of foods," said Gjesdal. "The basic four food groups are probably the best for teenagers to go by, because it's easy to follow."

The basic four divides food into four main groups: milk, meat, fruit and vegetable, and bread and cereal. Only two servings are recommended of the meat group while the others require four servings.

Dairy products such as cheese, ice cream, yogurt and milk are all sources of the milk group. Calcium, a main ingredient in milk, makes up 99 percent of teeth and bones. According to a recent journalism survey taken in the high school 58 percent of the boys drink the recommended amount of milk while only 19 percent of the girls do.

The meat group is a main source of protein and can be found in meat, eggs, fish and peanut butter. Apples, carrots, potatoes and oranges are all members of the fruit and vegetable group. Citrus fruits are recommended daily since they are a main source of vitamin C.

Some sources of the bread and cereal group are spaghetti, bread, dry cereal and rice. "Most teenagers eat a lot of breads and

cereals, but hardly any fruits and vegetables or milk products," said Gjesdal.

Teenage girls should receive 2100 calories daily and boys approximately 3000. They both should eat three good meals a day with breakfast being the most important.

According to the survey approximately 30 percent of the students skip breakfast. "I'm not hungry in the morning," "I don't have time," and "Breakfast makes me sick" were the main reasons given for skipping.

"Teenagers shouldn't skip any meal; they should eat at least something, even if it's a real small amount of food," said Gjesdal. "A lot of teens don't eat breakfast and often skip lunch, so when they get home from school they eat everything in sight."

Snacks should be kept under control and consist of nutritional foods. "Some good snacks would be fruits, granola bars and carrot or celery sticks," said Gjesdal. "These foods take a while to eat and will hold you until supper."

A food can be recognized as being high or low in calories by its appearance. If it is thick, greasy, crisp, smooth, gooey, sweet, sticky, compact or concentrated, it is relatively high in calories. Foods that are thin, diluted, watery, crisp instead of greasy, crisp, puffed or airy without

being greasy are relatively low in calories.

"Counting calories is the best way to lose weight," said Gjesdal. "I don't think weight loss pills work that well for most people; if they're hungry they're going to eat anyway."

According to the survey 26 percent of the high school students are now or have recently been on a diet. None of the boys seemed to take dieting very seriously while the girls were more interested in losing weight. Most try to cut down on snacks and to generally eat less.

"To lose weight I recommend teenagers eat less and increase their activity. If a person eats 500 less calories a day than usual, by the end of the week he should have lost one pound," said Gjesdal. But she continued, "The lowest calorie amount anyone should have is 1200."

The urge to be thin can occasionally develop into a serious physical psychological condition, which left untreated, can be fatal. This condition called anorexia nervosa is a nervous loss of appetite in which the victims, often teenage girls, literally starve themselves.

Vitamins can be used to make up for nutrients missing in a diet. "I don't feel teenagers need to take vitamins if they eat the right food," said Gjesdal. "One-a-days are fine, but teens should get most of their vitamins by the

foods they eat." Twenty percent of the high school students surveyed, with the majority being girls, said they do take vitamins.

As for improving one's eating habit, Gjesdal noted, "Eating habits of teenagers follow those of their parents and peers. They can't just change overnight; it takes a long time."

Conferences Successful

"Considering the weather conditions, the turnout was excellent," said David Krull, guidance counselor, referring to the last Parent-Teachers Conference, October 27.

The overall turnout for the Kindergarten through eighth grade was 87 percent, and slightly less for the high school grades, with a 77 percent attendance.

"The high percentage turnout," continued Krull, "shows that the Corsica community is very involved and concerned about the education of their children."

County Votes Conservatively

Douglas County closely followed the statewide trend towards the conservative vote.

This stand was also taken by the student body in the high school election.

In both cases the majority of the voters chose the Republican candidates, with Ronald Reagan coming out on top in the Presidential race and James Abdnor winning his Senate bid, both by wide margins, and Clint Roberts winning his District Two position by a slightly smaller margin.

Although Douglas County passed the Dakota Proposition, the state voters downed the measure by a considerable margin, and in the school election the measure was also refused.

The uranium measure also failed by two percent of the vote.

Students Dance to Disco

Despite the \$10 loss, Dave Krull, guidance counselor, felt the Sadie Hawkins dance sponsored by the Student Council was a success.

Total expenses for the dance amounted to \$162; \$152 was taken in at the door leaving a \$10 deficit. "We weren't too worried about the deficit. We would like to break even, but at the same time we want to provide activities for the CHS students," said Krull.

"It was okay," said Shelly Beukelman, senior. "There were a lot of people there. Everyone got around and socialized."

According to Frank Menning, freshman, "The music wasn't very good. It was too old, but

otherwise (the dance) was a good time."

"I think everyone enjoyed themselves. It kind of made up for the lack of a homecoming dance," said Jim Beukelman, student council president.

Overall, Krull felt that the students enjoyed C&L Disco. He received no negative comments. He said they liked the type of music and also liked the disco.

About the possibility of future dances, Krull said that possibly a Christmas dance or Sweetheart's Ball could be arranged. "But first, we must have a fund-raising activity to make up the deficit," he said.

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M.A.S.H.

'A pleasant surprise'

The cast of M.A.S.H., the fall school play, put on a successful performance Thursday, November 13.

M.A.S.H., standing for Mobile Ambulance Surgical Hospital, is a comedy staged in Korea. Joining the M.A.S.H. unit are two unpredictable surgeons, Hawkeye and Duke, two of the best surgeons in their field.

The play centered around Hawkeye's and Duke's campaign to send a young Korean boy to the United States and enter him in a good school.

Excellent portrayals were shown by Jim Beukelman (Hawkeye) and Kevin Van Maanen (Duke) in their a cappella scene

during the entertainment dance. Doug Beukelman (Trapper John) and John Engelland (Sergeant Divine) did a superb characterization when they attempted to move Walt (John Reimnitz) from the mess tent to the Swamp tent. The Bonwit sisters brought much laughter from the audience with their skimpy outfits, baby talk, and well-rehearsed(?) tap dance act. But it was also evident that a lot of work was put into each part to reflect each character.

Throughout the entire play, the cast performed as actual M.A.S.H. characters. As different scenes were going on, men were sleeping in the Swamp,

ladies were cleaning the nurses' tent or someone was in the Mess tent for refreshments. These actions definitely helped portray M.A.S.H.

The props were excellent. Helicopters painted on the flats made the scenery seem more realistic. The tents and cots made the stage seem like a part of the actual M.A.S.H. base.

According to Sandra Marler, director, "The practices left a lot to be desired. A lot of my time was wasted, but when it came right down to it, they (students) pulled through. It (play) went much, much better than what I had hoped for. It was a pleasant surprise."

Declam concludes at District Contest

Declam concludes with no one advancing from District IX competition to regional competition.

"Most of the students were inexperienced," said Sandy Marler, declam instructor. "I feel we did quite well though, and I was very pleased with the results."

Michelle Drefs received an excellent rating in the humorous division while Cherie Bakker and Dennis ~~the~~ each received a good in their divisions. The participants were judged on pitch, volume rate, interpretation and eye contact.

"This year has been a learning year for me," said Marler, "and I plan to spend more time with declam next year. We have a lot of potential and I think the kids will improve on what they've started."

District judges were Virgil Petrik, Dave Lorenz, John McNeil, Jim Wilcox, A. P. Schenk and Kaye Hoyle.

SRA results very rewarding

"Although SRA test scores on the average throughout the United States have been decreasing, our local scores have been increasing over the past few years," said Dave Krull, guidance counselor.

The Science Research Association (SRA) tests were given to the freshmen and junior classes in September.

"The SRA results are very rewarding in that they have shown a significant increase in the areas tested," said Krull.

Krull cited some reasons that

the SRA tests are given:

1. They help teachers to identify learning problems.
2. They help identify academic talent.
3. They help evaluate educational programs.
4. They also show parents where improvement or greater emphasis is needed by their child.

"I think the use of effective educational measurements and evaluation is very important in today's school system," stated Krull.

Krull would like to invite all the parents of the freshman and juniors, in at the guidance office and personally go over the results of the SRA tests.

Upfront

Sioux Falls public schools will continue to present religious music at Christmas programs because of a U. S. Supreme Court decision upholding religious singing in public schools.

The schools will be allowed to perform religious music under a set of guidelines. According to the Sioux Falls Argus Leader the guidelines state that "music, art, literature and drama having religious themes or basis are permitted as part of the curriculum for school sponsored activities and programs if presented in a prudent and objective manner."

Atheist Richard Florey along with four other Sioux Falls residents sued the school system on the grounds that performing religious carols in school programs initiates worship and, therefore, violates the separation of church and state ideals in the constitution.

But, as Demming Smith, lawyer for the Sioux Falls School told the Argus Leader, "The intent of separation of church and state is not to demonstrate hostility toward religion."

Therefore, religion should not be eliminated from public school programs. Students should be exposed to religious materials just as they are exposed to other types of material with historical significance in music, literature or drama.

Besides, what would a Christmas Concert be without religious music? The birth of Christ, a religious occurrence, is what Christmas is centered around. Without religious carols, Christmas Concerts would probably just be Winter Concerts and without religion Christmas would just be Xmas.

-by Laura De Vries

Concert set for Dec. 11

The high school music department will be presenting a Christmas Concert, December 11.

The vocal portion of the concert will consist of the cantata, "Down From His Glory," by John W. Peterson.

"This type of music gives the students a chance to do 'quality' Christmas music, while giving the concert coherence and a definite theme," said Pam Buehner, vocal instructor.

This type of concert requires ensembles, solos, and narrations. "All the choirs work together to make the production

successful," she added.

The selections for the instrumental portion of the concert will be chosen from "A Song of Joy," "Do You Hear What I Hear," "Merry Christmas Darling," "Cantique de Noel," "Froehliche Weihnachten," "I Saw Three Ships," and "Winter Wonderland."

"These selections were chosen to add variety to the concert, with a few old favorites being played, along with some selections that aren't so well known," said Tom Vondracek, band instructor.

The stage band will also be performing several selections.

Coach Wagner:

'Our line did a fantastic job'

The Comets football team ended their 1980 campaign with a crushing loss to Armour, 56-0, but they still termed their season as "very successful."

Tom Dockendorf, Doug De Geest, Doug Gruenewald, and Chuck Noteboom was selected All-Conference. This quadrant proved their worth over the season as they led in every major statistical category.

The offensive side of the game saw Dockendorf, third year quarterback, pass for 1019 yards and 10 touchdowns. He threw at a 53 percent rate of 71 completions out of 135 attempts.

The Comet's rushing game totaled 1576 yards on the year with DeGeest proving to be the leader with 694 yards and seven touchdowns on 142 carries. Noteboom garnered 496 yards and eight touchdowns on 103 carries, and Gruenewald gained 262 yards and one touchdown on 62 carries.

Noteboom was the main man in the pass receiving department. He hauled in 23 passes for 454 yards, six touchdowns, and a 19.7 yards gained average. DeGeest nabbed 14 Dockendorf aeriels for 159 yards, two touchdowns, and an



Selected to the CBH Football All-Conference team from CHS were Tom Dockendorf, Doug DeGeest, Doug Gruenewald and Chuck Noteboom.

11.4 yards gained average; while Gruenewald grabbed 10 bombs for 137 yards and a 13.7 yards gained average. Lowell Groeneweg also scored two touchdowns from Dockendorf exchanges.

The defensive portion of the game saw Noteboom garnering his second consecutive "most tackles" award by downing 122 opponents for a 14 tackle per game average.

Dockendorf led the defensive crew in interceptions with five, while Noteboom and Groeneweg each snared two stars. Kevin Fey, Gruenewald, and DeGeest rounded the theft column out with one apiece.

Noteboom, Groeneweg, and Fey each deflected an enemy punt while John Reimnitz, Kevin Goldammer, Fey, and DeGeest each fell on one fumble apiece. With one of each of these blocked punts and fumble recoveries the defense scored two touchdowns.

Dockendorf, also a third year kicker, did a remarkable job again this year as he punted 47 times for 1611 yards and a 34 yard average.

The Comets finished the year with 2595 yards offensively and outscored their opponents 204-121 for a nine point winning margin. Head coach Ken Wagner attributes much of Corsica's offensive success to the linemen. "Our line did a fantastic job on offense by way of pass blocking and opening some holes for our rushers," he said.

"The line gave me a lot of protection throughout the year. They gave more time to find the receivers," Dockendorf added.

Lady Comets end season at 6-11

Corsica's Lady Cagers ended their regular season schedule with a disappointing loss to Armour, 42-24. The Comets record now stands at 6-11.

Teamwise, the Comets scored 611 points for an average of 35 points per game while their opponents averaged 42 points a game. The Comets shot 31 percent from the field while from the charity stripe they made 131-391 for 41 percent. In the rebounding category the Comets pulled down 554 stray shots (283 off the defensive boards) for an average of 32 rebounds a game, the Comets opponents averaged 33 rebounds a game. The Comets

threw the ball away 18 times a game.

Individually the Comets were led offensively by Gina Dockendorf and Renee Peters. Dockendorf averaged 11 points an outing and Peters put through seven points a game. Off the boards the Comets were led by Peters and Leanne De Vries. Peters pulled down 157 stray shots for an average of nine rebounds a game while De Vries averaged five rebounds a game.

The Districts were played last Tuesday, Thursday and Friday night. Due to publication deadline the results of the games were not available for print.

Wrestling dropped due to lack of interest

Due to the lack of interest, wrestling has been entirely squelched, for the first time since 1970.

When asked why he thought there was no wrestling this year, Doug Beukelman said, "Because there wasn't enough participation, and there was a lack of enthusiasm, due to the low number of people that said they would go out."

At the original meeting, to decide whether or not to have wrestling, only seven interested students attended, one less than the year before.

"No matches were scheduled," continued Beukelman, "and why should we practice for three months, just to wrestle three times at districts. Anyway, I see no reason to work for a coach who has little knowledge in the field of wrestling."

"No matches were scheduled," said Superintendent Vern DeGeest, "because we canceled all matches last year, and not knowing the number of participants that we would have for this school term, no duals were scheduled."

JUNKYARD JIVETALKER



I would like all you people to know that I have made the supreme sacrifice for you. I have been asked to fill a much needed position in a metropolitan newspaper back East. I was just about to make a phone call to New York (collect, of course) when I thought of how all you loyal fans would be completely lost without my divine insight to guide you. I

hope you appreciate what I'm doing, because the only reason I'm doing it is because you, my devoted multitude, worship the very ground I walk on.

Since this is the start of the boys' basketball season, obviously I will start boys' basketball predictions at this time.

The Comets travel to Kimball for their season opener on December 5. The Kiotes, are not renowned for their great basketball team, as was evident last year, but I won't mention that because I don't want to embarrass anybody. The Kiotes' bark is worse than their bite, and the Comets will be victorious by at least 55 points.

The Tripp Wildcats will journey to the Coliseum December 9. I foresee a 22 point victory margin in the Comets favor.

December 12 brings the Mustangs of Mt. Vernon to town. The Mustangs think they are in the same class as the Comets, but

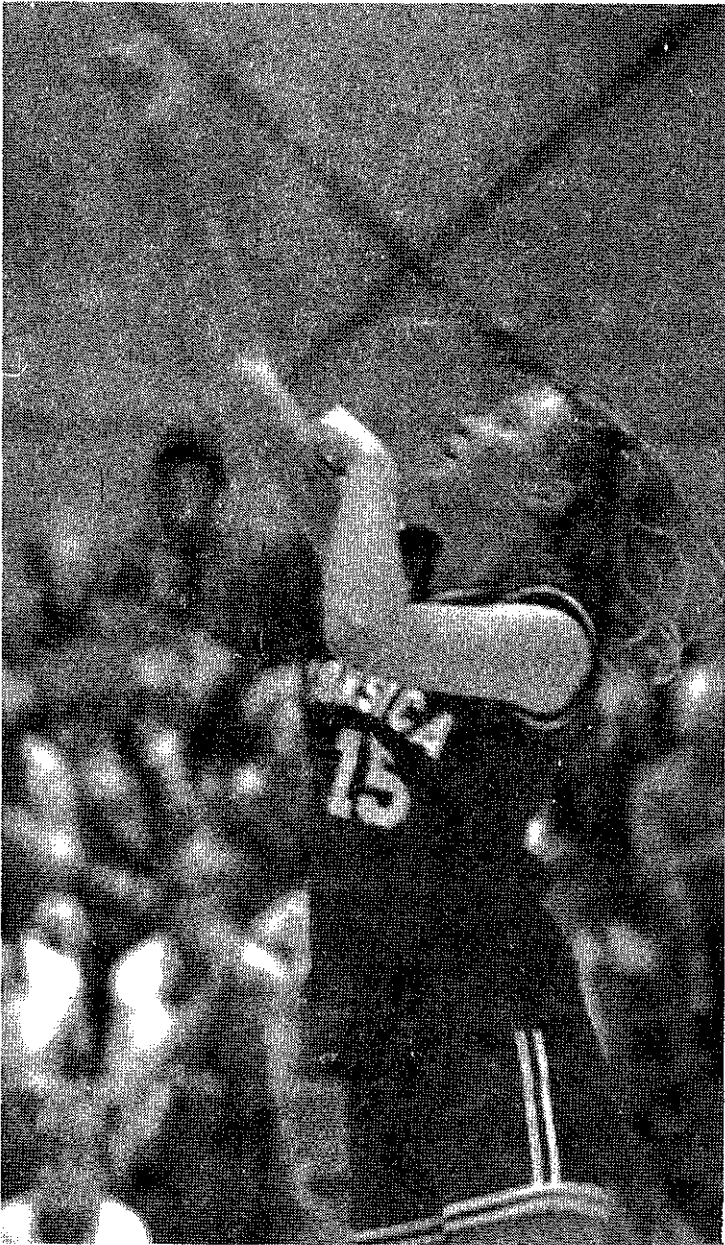
they are sadly mistaken, as they will realize at the final buzzer. The Comets will prevail over the Mustangs by 33 points.

The top two contenders for the conference and district crowns will meet December 19, when the Comets and Stickney clash on the Raiders' home court. Corsica has a score to settle with the Raiders, and they will, by nine points. Stickney's fans will take time out to stop waving their orange towels so they can cry in them.

December 22 - The Platte Panthers trek to Corsica. The Comets will also be on hand to wave good-bye to the Panthers, who will go home with a 35 point loss on their record.

Will the Wagner Red Raiders turn green with envy as the Comet bus pulls away? Will the Dakota Dome collapse with Corsica and Hamlin battling it out with two minutes on the clock?

Make sure you tune in next month to find the answers to these and other mind boggling questions.



Comet forward Cherie Bakker puts up a shot in district action against the White Lake Indians. Corsica defeated White Lake 39-24.

Boys' Basketball Schedule

- December 5: Kimball-There
- December 9: Tripp-Home
- December 12: Mt. Vernon-Home
- December 19: Stickney-There
- December 22: Platte-Home
- December 23: Hamlin, Dakota Dome Classic, Vermillion
- January 2,3: Invitational at Corsica
- January 9: Wagner-There
- January 16: Artesian-Home
- January 23: Ethan-There
- January 30: Letcher-Home
- February 3: Geddes-There
- February 6: Plankinton-There
- February 7: Marion, Abbott House - Mitchell
- February 10: Lake Andes-Home
- February 13: White Lake-Home
- February 17: Armour-Home
- February 24, 26, 27: District 27 - Parkston

Corsica, Stickney conference favorites

Corsica and Stickney are the toss-up favorites to win the basketball crown in the Custer Battlefield Highway Conference this season, with Artesian the darkhorse for the title.

In the poll, a first place vote was given nine points, a second place vote was given eight, a third place vote seven, a fourth place six, a fifth place five, a sixth place four, a seventh place three, an eighth place two, and a ninth place one.

Corsica, last year's champs, got 8-0 in Stickney. 7-1 last year, were each given four first place and four second place votes with Artesian, 3-5 last year, being a solid favorite to finish third getting all eight third place votes.

Mt. Vernon and White Lake are tied for fourth place with 32 points, with Letchera close sixth place contender with 31 points. Plankinton, Ethan and Kimball round out the bottom three places in the poll with 28, 23, and 18 points respectively.

CORSICA

Record last year - conference, 8-0; overall, 17-3.

Graduation losses from last year's team - Scott Goldammer, Bryan Bakker, Dave Bordewyk, Dan DeGeest, and Tim Noteboom.

Returning lettermen - Tom Dockendorf, Doug Olivier, Chuck Noteboom, and Doug DeGeest.

Coach - Dennis De Boer.

Corsica finished in first place in the Custer Battlefield Highway Conference last year and despite the loss of five key players (two starters) from last year's championship team, Coach De Boer feels he has the tools and materials to again capture the CBH crown.

De Boer feels that with four veterans of the quality that Dockendorf, Olivier, Noteboom, and DeGeest possess, he will be launching a relatively experienced quadrant on the 1980-81 Comet campaign. The upcoming Junior Class should supply the varsity with ample depth to insure a solid twelve-man roster.

De Boer stated that Corsica and Stickney definitely must be seen as the cold favorites but, "Either one of us could be upset by anyone. Although no one seems to think so, I feel that Artesian will be tough this year. They could be the dark horse in the CBH," he said.

The distant horizon for Corsica seems to be brightly lit but there could be some unforeseen obstacles to overcome. Overall the Comet basketball program should be able to anticipate another very successful year.

STICKNEY

Record last year - conference, 7-1 overall, 24-2.

Graduation losses from last year's team - Randy Bormann, Bill Metzger, Jay Tolsma, Dennis Wieczorek, Brad Messer, and Roger Hargreaves.

Returning lettermen - Alan Miller, Dan Pecenka, Jeff Tolsma, Mick Odems, Steve Vliestra, Alan Bruinsma, Curt Niewenhuis.

Coaches - Don Moran and Bob Krietlow.

Stickney lost only two games last year but dubbed their season as "very successful." They lost to Corsica in conference action and fell to Lyman County, last year's state champs, in the semifinals of the state tournament.

With as strong a showing as that, the Raiders will have a long road ahead if they wish to duplicate that again this year. With strong conference foes in Corsica and Artesian, with Corsica also a fellow District 27 contender, Dan Moran's Orange and Black definitely have their work cut out for them.

Stickney's Alan Miller and Dan Pecenka are both returning starters who maintain a lot of basketball know-how. With two talented players like these, along with a following of returning lettermen who can all do the job when called upon, the conference action looks like a toss up.

Dan Moran feels that Corsica must be considered a slight favorite, but Stickney and

Artesian will be riding their coattails. "I think that it will turn into a three-way race for the conference championship. Corsica has to be favored, but it could go any of three ways," he said.

ARTESIAN

Record last year - conference, 3-5; overall, 15-11.

Graduation losses from last year's team - Dan May, Jack Hopkins, Rick Nelson, Joe Grassel, Dan Fridley.

Returning lettermen - Rocky Johnston, Keith Novak, Todd Hopkins, Bob Severson, Todd Gildemaster.

Coaches - Bob Pidde and Richard Danek.

Although Artesian finished very low in the CBH Conference, they really turned it on at tournament time and garnered a berth in the state tourney. Artesian has suffered some heavy losses to graduation which have left some holes that will be hard to fill.

Coach Bob Pidde feels that the CBH is one of the toughest conferences in the state, but he feels he can put together a team that will carry on Artesian's winning tradition.

"We have three excellent players back, but our guards are inexperienced. Hopefully, they will develop along with several good prospects who could give us the depth we need," Pidde said.

MOUNT VERNON

Record last year - conference, 5-3; overall, 10-11.

Graduation losses from last year's team - Terry Parsons, Terry Deinert, Jim Parsons, Shawn Bambus, and Tom Determan.

Returning lettermen - Jeff Hohn.

Coaches - Tom Young and Kim Cross.

Mount Vernon finished in fourth place in the CBH Conference last year and with only one returning letterman, Jeff Hohn, they could be in for a tough season.

After graduating all five starters, one of them Terry Parsons, an all-stater, the Mustangs have several ominous gaps in their lineup that are up for grabs by any member of this year's varsity.

The Big Orange lost a lot of size when the Parsons brothers departed and could be up for a real tussle on the boards when they face CBH foes, Corsica, Stickney, Artesian, and Plankinton, who all possess relatively large front lines. They do have some talented guards who should develop as the season progresses.

Coach Tom Young said, "We should finish in mid-conference somewhere. Corsica, Stickney, and Artesian are definitely the favorites, but we're looking for a .500 season and possibly a little better."

WHITE LAKE

Record last year - conference 4-4; overall, 6-12.

Graduation losses from last year's team - Keith Hanten, Tom Bies and Eric Nowotny.

Returning lettermen - Glenn Tripp, Doug Bogenhagen, and Birch Hilton.

Coaches - William Koenig and Dan Guericke.

White Lake finished in a tie for fifth place with Plankinton last year and are anticipating a similar or slightly higher finish this season.

Graduation did take its toll on the Indians in the loss of front liners Keith Hanten and Tom Bies and frontcourt ace Eric Nowotny. Hopes are still bright as returners Glenn Tripp, Doug Bogenhagen, and Birch Hilton all have vast varsity experience and were strongholds on last year's team.

Although the Indians will have three definite footings on their team, they could have trouble filling the remaining two spots on the varsity. They do have several

prospects moving up from last year's varsity bench and "B" team though.

Third year mentor William Koenig is looking for his best year yet at White Lake and feels they will finish at .500 this season and "anything over that would be great! We've got a good Junior Class - a bunch of kids that will really do it for us. We should finish decent in conference play."

LETCHER

Record last year - conference, 0-8; overall, 4-15.

Graduation losses from last year's team - Dean Wenz, Wes Stekl, Joe Vermeulen.

Returning lettermen - Dean Northrup, Marty Moody, Todd Van Walleghen, Mark Van Overshede, Jerry Gravenstien, Kent Cross, Wayne Moody, Randy Northrup, Joel Arends.

Coach - Dave Brooks, no assistant.

Letcher finished last in the CBH Conference last year but they feel that this year they will be on a fast, steady upward climb.

Graduation hurts all teams at one time or another but Letcher hasn't been hurt as badly as many people think. They did lose two starters and one key reserve but with nine lettermen returning, the Tigers could be potent.

Letcher will be small again this year but, as always, they will be scrappy and out with a winning motive at every game. Players with the likes of Todd Van Walleghen and Dean Northrup are what give this team spark and a solid background to work with. Starting spots left are up for grabs to any of the returning eagers. Lack of size won't hold back this team this year as they show much experience and a lot of desire.

Coach Dave Brooks feels that Stickney and Corsica are the teams to beat this year. "Artesian will also be strong, but I'm not counting us out. We'll be small but out to win every game," he said.

PLANKINTON

Record last year - conference, 4-4; overall, 6-13.

Graduation losses from last year's team - Ed Fett, Roger Larson and Dave Brink.

Returning lettermen - Jay Jira, Pat Spielman, Rob Swearingen, and Nick Vlasman.

Coaches - Bernard Strouth, Ray Glover.

When the Plankinton Pirates take to the floor this year, they will be minus the services of three important faces from last year's 6-13 team. Ed Fett, Roger Larson, and Dave Brink were all-important cogs and the sting of their absence will be felt sharply.

Plankinton does have two returning starters who should provide a strong base for the PHS coaching staff to begin building on. Jay Jira and Rob Searingen are both powerful front line members who have a lot of playing time and experience under their belts. Valuable reserves, Pat Spielman and Nick Vlasman, should take over the vacant backcourt spots in the Pirate lineup.

A host of reserves with minimal experience and several "B" team cogs will fill out the Plankinton roster for the 1981 campaign.

First year ring leader, Bernard Stouth, said, "We have a big question mark. We hope to improve on last year's record, but we're making no promises."

ETHAN

Record last year - conference, 2-6; overall, unavailable.

Graduation losses from last year's team - Gregg Puetz, Dave Duba, Jeff Jatou and Gary Klumb.

Returning lettermen - Curt Puetz, John Slafman, Troy Obrent, Henry Barcher and Steve Jendersee.

Coach - Doug Odens.

This year's version of the Ethan Rustlers will be forced to do without the services of Dave Duba, Gary Klumb, Gregg Puetz and Jeff Jatou due to graduation. The first three were all starters and the latter a top-notch reserve, so Doug Odens has a task before him of filling these huge gaps in the lineup.

Odens does have several indispensable lettermen to work

with though. The Rustlers top-five should be quite strong but they could experience some depth problems as the year progresses.

Curt Puetz and Troy Obrent are two returners who can shoot from the outside or play inside with the big boys. Both are top-notch players who will portray key roles as the season goes on.

Coach Odens feels that Stickney and Corsica are the teams to beat and Artesian will also be tough. "Any of these teams could be upset and if that happens, it'll blow the conference wide open," said Odens.

KIMBALL

Record last year - conference, 1-7; overall, 2-15.

Graduation losses from last year's team - Tom Burki, Kurt Young, Bill Konechne and Lee Stevens.

Returning lettermen - Bob Stadler, Chad Bravek, Todd Reinesch, Craig, Nedved, Kent Geppert, Steve Folan and Russ Blasius.

Coaches - Jim Stoebner and Daryl Mac Farland.

Kimball finished last season in eight place in the CBH Conference and they are cautiously optimistic about this season. Graduation saw starters Tom Burki, Kurt Young and Lee Stevens, and first rate reserve Bill Konechne.

They do have several talented lettermen back but they may have a tough time filling the holes and will experience some bench depth problems before the season winds out. Senior backcourt whiz, Todd Reinesch will generate the Kiote offense and will serve as a constant defensive pressure while Kent Geppert and Bob Stadler will provide the Kioties with some front line power.

"Corsica and Stickney are the teams to beat," said first year mentor Jim Stoebner, "but we'll be fighting. We'll be short, but competitive."

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Coach's Predictions

	Total	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th
Corsica	68	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stickney	68	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Artesian	56	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mt. Vernon	32	0	0	0	1	1	1	4	0	0
White Lake	32	0	0	0	2	1	2	1	2	0
Letcher	31	0	0	0	2	3	1	1	0	1
Plankinton	28	0	0	0	1	2	2	0	1	2
Ethan	23	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	5	0
Kimball	18	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	5

Note - Artesian's coaching staff did not wish to express any predictions on the CBH outcome.

All-State Chorus participants agree 'practice pays off'

"A shared musical experience" is how Pam Beuhner, vocal director, described the 1980 All-State Chorus.

Four students journeyed to Huron Arena, November 7 and 8, to participate in the All-State Chorus.

Shelly Beukelman, senior; Ardis Everson, senior; Jim Beukelman, senior; and Jerry Beukelman were accompanied by Buehner to Huron.

Shelly Beukelman and Everson both agreed that they learned to have more confidence in themselves by attending All-State. Jim Beukelman said, "Cooperating with 925 students and one director can be fun and challenging."

All four vocalists enjoyed meeting students from all over the state during the two-day practices. "I enjoyed the practices the most because you could really get to know a lot of kids from different parts of the state," said Jim Beukelman.

When asked if All-State was worthwhile, the four students agreed unanimously that it was. "I learned how to sing for long periods of time without ruining my throat. I learned how to add a better and fuller tone to my voice, and finally I got the chance to hear what a chorus of that size really sounds like," said Everson.

According to Jim Beukelman, "The director was very strict but it (All-State) was very good as far as sound is concerned and the kids were fun, too."

Corsica's four All-State members "behaved very well," said Buehner. "I was very pleased."

About the 1980 All-State Chorus, Buehner said, "It was the best All-State Chorus I have heard for the past five years."

Advice to students who hope to try out for All-State next year was offered by this year's participants. Jim Beukelman said "to work hard, because when you're there, the work seems

very worthwhile."

Everson advised "to do your very best and never give up."

Jerry Beukelman recommended "to work hard so you can make it, because when you get up there it is an OK time meeting a lot of new kids from all kinds of different towns."

Shelly Beukelman said, "Don't be afraid to make a mistake. Try to get in a lot of practice. You can never know your music too well."

This year the American Choral Directors Association, which sponsors All-State Chorus, had a record cut of the All-State Concert.

Ralston, Sipma Attend Festival

Carla Sipma, senior, and Jeanine Ralston, junior, were selected to participate in the twenty-third annual Augustana Band Festival at the Augustana College last Friday and Saturday.

The students attending were selected from their band director's nominations. Approximately 400 students and 110 band directors representing Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, and South Dakota attended the two-day

event.

The students were divided into two festival bands each consisting of 160 people and a 40-piece wind ensemble. The musicians spent their time participating in rehearsals, clinics, recitals, practice sessions, and recreational activities. On Saturday a Grand Finale Concert featured the Augustana College Concert Band, the two festival bands, and the wind ensemble.

"I think the festival is well worth the effort," Vondracek stated. "It gives the students the experience of two days of rehearsals with a college professor, it exposes them to different music ideas, and it gives them the chance to play in a band of top-rated players from the four state area. The festival also gives them an idea of what music really is, that it is more than playing in a high school band."

Board hires Engelsgaard as principal

A new elementary principal, Arley Engelsgaard, previously a superintendent at Kimball, was hired at the school board meeting November 10.

Engelsgaard was hired on a daily basis at a pro-rated salary comparable to the previous principal's salary.

In other business the board voted against a proposition from the South Dakota High School Athletics Association allowing the Board of Controls to realign the present classifications of "A" and "B" schools for track.

Bids for stage curtains from Metropolitan Stage Equipment, Northwest Studios, Triangle School Division, and Birdie's Workshop were presented by Superintendent Vern DeGeest. A bid of \$6,133.40 for front, back and side curtains from Metropolitan Stage Equipment was accepted.

Board members moved to allow student teachers to practice teach at Corsica. Each student will be accepted at the discretion of the board.

Part of the Title IV funds received by the school will be used to purchase an antenna system with lead-ins and a monitor for educational television. The board was undecided about the use of the remainder of the funds.

A letter from the Junior Class concerning a prom band was read by Dave Krull, guidance counselor. After discussion on the price of the band, board members voted to allow the Junior Class to hire the band.

Two applicants for assistant boys' basketball coach were also discussed. No action was taken.

Coming Events

- Nov. 24-25: Regional VII Tourney, Wagner.
- Nov. 27: Thanksgiving Day, no school.
- Nov. 28: No school.
- Dec. 4, 5, 6: Girls' State "B" Tourney, Huron.
- Dec. 4: Boys' basketball, Kimball, there, 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 8: School Board meeting.
- Dec. 9: Boys' basketball, Tripp, home, 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 11: High School Christmas Concert, 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 12: Boys' basketball, Mt. Vernon, home, 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 15: Music Boosters, PTO, 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 16: JV basketball, Delmont, home, 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 18: Elementary Christmas concert, 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 19: Boys' basketball, Stickney, there, 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 22: Boys' basketball, Platte, home, 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 23: Boys' basketball, Dakota Dome, Hamlin.

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