

Wagner holds Region Office

Kristi Wagner, sophomore, was elected president of Region 5 for FHA-HERO, November 4, at Iroquois. As the regional president, she automatically becomes a state officer.

"I hope to become the vice-president" Wagner said, "I get to choose the state office I want."

One of the duties Kristi will have to perform is being in "charge" of the Region 5

meeting next year. The meeting will be held in Corsica. Kristi will not have to do it all herself, though, she will be assisted in the organizing and hosting of the meeting by the other regional officers.

To be elected as a State Officer three steps are followed: 1) A two to three minute speech must be given at the regional meeting. 2) A thought question is then asked. 3) A test to see what is known about FHA?HERO must then be taken. After these steps each chapter casts their vote and this determines the officers.

The convention topic for this year was "Youth Energy for a Brighter Tomorrow". Kristi's speech was entitled "Whos' Got the Notion to Get in Motion?" Her speech covered four areas, education and careers; communities and environments; special people (handicapped and the elderly); and family and babies.

"I said a little bit about each one and used a wheel to emphasize each particular area," she said.

One of the privileges of being a state officer is being able to attend the National FHA Convention. This is a week long trip and it will be held in Atlanta, Georgia.

Kristi will be accompanied by Amy Gjesdal, her FHA advisor. They will be attending all the meetings and conventions.

"I am really looking forward to the trip, I should learn a lot about FHA and it should be a lot of fun, too. It will be a great experience," said Wagner.

As for running for a national office, Kristi said, "Not at the present time because I'm already a chapter, regional, and state officer and I'm just too busy."

"Anyone in FHA is eligible to run for a national office, but I just don't have the time now, maybe in the future." she concluded.

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Xavier presents 'Escape'

Richard Xavier, an escape artist, presented his program "Escape" to the high school student body on October 29.

The program consisted of three major escapes which called for volunteer help from the audience.

The first escape Xavier performed was from a straight jacket. Kevin Goldammer and Lowell Groeneweg fastened him in, after which he successfully escaped by dislocating both of his shoulders.

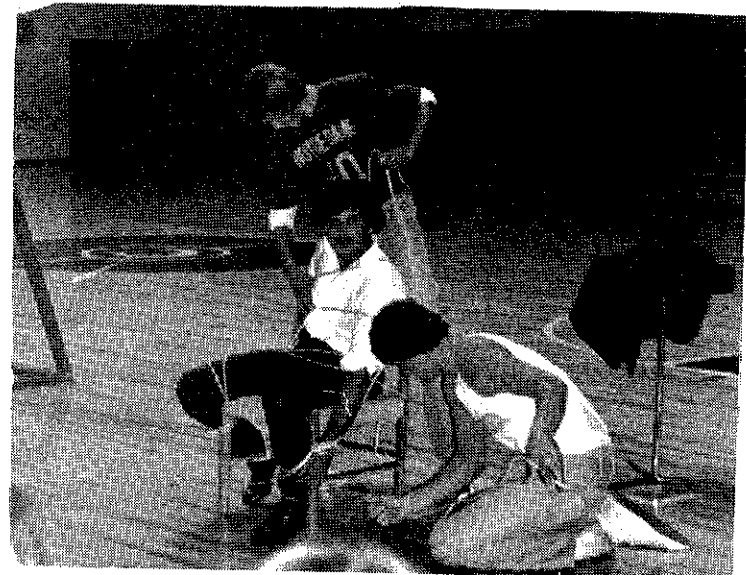
Xavier next challenged two senior boys, John Reimnitz and Curt Wagner, to tie him up to a chair with two ropes, each 50 feet long. The object was for him to escape in less time than it took to tie him up. After examining his situation he escaped easily within the time allowed.

For his final performance, Xavier was chained to a "Russian torture board" by faculty members Vern DeGeest and

Tim Hagedoorn. The chain was strung through holes in the board around his neck, chest, wrists, knees and ankles and was then padlocked. This escape took much concentration from Xavier as he accomplished

it by dislocating various bones within a two minute time limit.

He is the only person in the world able to do this escape and owns the only two original torture boards in existence.



Richard Xavier waits patiently for his chance to escape from the skillful roping he received from Curt Wagner and John Reimnitz.

Editorial:

Critic's corner

Recreation center receives attention

What do the teenagers in Corsica do after a ballgame? a school meeting? a practice for a school activity? or just after school?

Some cruise Main while others stand and talk to each other in front of the pop machine.

Is this all the Corsica community can offer to its young people? Or is there something we can do?

Some concerned citizens and young adults from this community have decided to try to do something about this problem.

Recently a public meeting was held to discuss the possibility of establishing a youth recreation center in Corsica. This recreation center will provide a place for the young people of this town to go after school or any school activity.

Some points brought up and discussed at this meeting were: the location of the center, hours that the center should be open, what type of supervision the center should have, the policies of the center, what entertainment the center should provide, and many more. These points and the remaining are very important issues that need to be decided in order to establish this center.

Ideas and comments from the community are needed in order to decide these issues and help make them a reality.

If this proposal fails this time because of lack of community support and effort, it more than likely will not be brought up again. This youth recreation center is a dire need in this community. Think about how important this center could be to the youth in this community now and in the future.

Your support and the support from the whole community is a MUST in getting this youth center underway.

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"Bandits" confuses

During the last month, I found myself paying \$3.50 to see the movie "Time Bandits."

Here was movie that gave the audience cowboys, knights in shining armor, six midgets, Robin Hood, one confused little boy, a minotaur, an evil personified, the Titanic, an ogre, a giant, Agememnon, and a supreme being. All in all, I think the writers and producers bit off more than they could chew!

Heading the crew as executive producer is none other than ex-Beatle George Harrison in his first try at making a major motion picture. Harrison has always been known for his "unique" opinions on life, religion, and philosophy. "Time Bandits" seems to have molded those ideas into reality. The only problem with that is that they make little to no sense to those watching them.

The movie opens in a typical English home in a typical English suburb, where the bedroom of a young boy is invaded by six

little people who have stolen a map of "time holes" from their boss, an all powerful character known only as "the supreme being."

As they are pursued by the "being" the strange group of robbers escape into various episodes from the past. They had hoped to use the map to gain unimaginable wealth.

Unknown to the time travelers, they are being watched by a being of pure evil who had been banished by the "supreme being" to a place of total darkness. His only hope of escape was to be found in the map which he believed to be finally within his grasp.

Despite performances from such stars as Sean Connery, Shelly Duvall, John Cleese and Michael Palin (of Monte Python), Ralph Richardson, and others, "Time Bandits" is a conglomeration of nonsensical ideas from writers, producers, and directors who seemed to be more interested in having a good time than in making a film worth seeing.

Letters to editor

Policies defined

Starting with the next issue, the Corsica High School FORUM will be accepting letters to the editor for publication.

Since a "forum" is a place where different views can be heard, we are asking to hear people's ideas, compliments or complaints as they concern the school or this newspaper itself. All letters submitted for publication should be

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Rubik's Cube 'an obsession'

by Kevin Van Maanen

You've probably noticed the little many colored cube that everyone has been twisting and turning in their spare time, and chances are, you probably own one yourself. What is it? - - a Rubik's Cube, of course!

Buvos Kocka (Magic Cube) is the hottest thing ever to come out of Budapest. Outside of Hungary it is better known as Rubik's Cube, after its inventor, Erno Rubik. This device has also been called the Hungarian Horror, because it can induce temporary dementia in otherwise sane citizens. It is an obsession, an infuriation, and an invitation to insomnia, districating students from their studies, workers from their jobs, and even lovers from love.

A woman in West Germany, who gave her husband the cube, is seeking divorce because of it. Her complaint: "My husband hardly speaks to me. He

even shuts himself up when we have visitors. And when he comes to bed he is too exhausted from playing with his cube to even give me a cuddle."

Thanks to mass marketing, the lunacy quotient may be very high with the cube. Ideal Toy Corporation produced 4.5 million last year, and expects to sell far more in 1981.

It was invented in 1974 by Rubik, then 37, an architecture professor, to give his students more experience in dealing with three dimensional objects.

It looks innocent enough-- a brightly colored plastic cube with six sides, each with a different color. Each side is divided into three rows, each row into three smaller cubes. Each row can be made to rotate 360 degrees, so that a person can turn each row from top to bottom, and from side to side.

The object of the game is

to unscramble the colors, which is simple, and then to manipulate them back to the way they were, with a solid color on each side of the cube. The number of different color patterns is 43, 252, 000, 274, 489, 856, 000, (about 43.2 quintillion) and it would take the most advanced computer 1.4 million years to figure out all of the possibilities.

If you are determined to unscramble the problem, it will take you somewhere between five hours and a year. Among other hazards, is "Cubitis magike", a severe mental disorder, accompanied by itching of the fingertips that can be relived only by prolonged contact with the cube.

David Singmaster, 42, an American who lectures on mathematics and computing at London's Polytechnic of the South Bank, is believed to know more about the cube than even Erno Rubik. A Whitehall bureaucrat

pleaded with Singmaster to give him the solution, since the Englishman's entire computer system was working on the puzzle.

A colleague of Singmaster's, Morwen B. Thistlethwaite is believed to be the first person to solve the puzzle in 50 moves. Thistlethwaite claims, "50 is not very good. It should be possible to do it in 20, but no one has yet found a method."

Brainy young cubers seem most interested in setting speed records. Nicholas Hammond, 16, an English high school student, has managed to unscramble the cube in 28 seconds.

The person who can solve all six sides is know as a "cubist" or "cubemeister". Rather than risk that rank, people might better take the advice of Marc Ingenoso, a teaching assistant at the University of Wisconsin: "I think it's wise never to pick the thing up."

Interpers compete

Corsica was represented this year by two students at the District 9 Oral Interpretation Contest in Platte, October 28.

Cindy Olawsky entered in the Poetry division with the poem, "Lady of Shlott," by Alfred Lord Tennyson.

Michelle Drefs took part in the competition in the humorous division by reading an article by P. J. Laux, entitled "Games Children Play."

Both girls received an excellent rating, which is the second highest a person may achieve in a division. Only a superior rating is higher.

"I was very pleased with

the way the contest went. The girls performed very well against some excellent competition from some other schools," said interp director David Baumeister.

Other schools participating in the division were Armour, Geddes, Dakota Christian, Plankinton, Platte, and Stickney.

Although the two that represented Corsica did very well, Baumeister wasn't quite satisfied.

"I was hoping for a larger participation in the program this year. However, I was very happy with the final results of the two that did participate."



Support
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basketball
team.

Faculty selects DAR

Senior Kathy Kredit has been selected by classmates and faculty to represent Corsica High School in the Good Citizen's Contest, organized by the Daughters

of the American Revolution.

Each entrant in the contest is required to complete a government questionnaire and compose an essay. The topic of the

essay is unknown to the contestant until he or she is required to write it. Kredit must compose her essay within two hours under the supervision of principal Orson Gray sometime before November 24. She will also be judged on academic performance in school.

The Senior Class nominated Brenda Uttecht, Cherie Bakker, Sharlene Drefs and Kredit. From this list, the faculty chose the representative.

"The senior class was to select four classmates who had the qualities of dependability, service, patriotism, and leadership," said Kredit.

The Good Citizen Contest is a national contest for all high school seniors. Kredit will advance to county and area competition. The area winner will then advance to the state level. The winner of each state receives either a \$100 savings bond or a \$75 scholarship. The next two state winners are awarded \$50 bonds. The state winner's essay is entered in the national contest for a \$1,000 scholarship to the school of his or her choice.

Gray feels the test is very helpful, as it can help the school assess its curriculum and help teachers identify learning problems. The test can also identify academic talent within the school and point out where emphasis needs to be put in a program.

"I have given the results to parents," said Gray. "The results are also put on the student's records to be compared with other standardized tests the students may take in the future."

Fifty thousand students from all levels and ethnic backgrounds set the norms across the United States. According to Gray, the midwest states score high in the science and math areas while the eastern states score higher in languages.

Gray:

SRA's "very helpful"

"We compare high to national norms," said Orson Gray, Corsica High principal, about Science Research Associates test results.

The SRA test is an achievement test given to both the junior and freshman classes. The goal of the test is to measure what is being taught in schools.

"Our results compare us on a national basis," said Gray. "Both the juniors and the freshmen did above average--very well."

"The juniors did very, very well. They (the juniors) have had more demand in the classroom by the teachers over the last two years," said Gray. "Smaller schools may also have more individual instruction which helps."

Seniors attend Planning Days

The senior class participated in Post High Planning Day in Platte on November 2.

The purpose of Post High Planning Day is to attend sessions from different post high school institutions and to learn more about what each has to offer. Each institution from South Dakota had a representative there. Also there were representatives from some out of state colleges.

"The day was worth it if you didn't already have all your college plans made," said senior Kathy Kredit.

Along with the information offered for colleges and universities there was a lot of information on the Armed Services.

"We learned a lot about what the Army and Marines had to offer," said senior Linda Beukelman, "especially like the ROTC."

Some seniors felt Post High Planning Day should have been a whole day event rather than just in the morning.

"Having the sessions just in the morning doesn't give you enough choices of colleges to choose from, three isn't very many especially if you are undecided," said senior Jeanine Ralston.

"To make the day worthwhile you have to ask questions and ask for information to be given or sent to you. Show you have an interest," concluded Orson Gray, Guidance Counselor.

Christmas concert planned

A Christmas Concert, under the direction of band instructor Jolene Cassanova, and vocal director Pam Buehner, will be presented December 21 at 8:00 p.m. in the Corsica High School gym.

Selections that will be performed by the concert band are "Sleigh Ride," "Old English Christmas," and "Legend of Kings." A Brass Choir will perform "American Christmas Folk Song Suite," and "Ceremonial for Christmas

Brass." The stage band will perform "Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas."

"A concert gives the band a chance to play well written pieces of musical value," stated Cassanova. "It also gives the community and parents a chance to hear the full band in performance other than ball games."

In the vocal department the mixed chorus will present a cantata called "Carols of Christmas."

The cantata will provide a

number of Christmas carols, some which will be sung by soloists.

The mixed swing choir will perform "Carol of the Drum." The girls swing choir will present "An Irving Berlin Christmas."

"The rehearsals are progressing at a rate expected of this time of year," stated Buehner. "The music is within easy grasp of Corsica's students and should be a musical learning experience for them."

Students participate in Festival

On November 20 and 21 four Corsica High School band students, Lisa Gerlach, Pam Bye, Wyla Punt and Laura Punt, and their instructor, Jolene Cassanova, attended the Augustana Band Festival in Sioux Falls.

Friday and Saturday. On Saturday night a grand finale concert was given by the two festival bands at the Coliseum. The two bands which contained the best students from four to five states, were directed by Dr. McMurray and assisted by Mr. Tanouye and Dr. Lillehaug, all from Augustana.

The Blue Band, which included Pam, Wyla and Laura, performed "British Eighth," "Festive Overture," "Children's March: 'Over the Hills and Far Away,'" and "Suet Francaise."

"The festival gives them an opportunity to perform with and hear students from

other schools and gives them time to compare musical abilities and ideas with students from other schools and transfer some of that to their own school bands," explained Cassanova. "Most importantly, it provides a fine musical experience for the individual school musician."

The group rehearsed and attended clinics all day

"The girls did a fine job."

"Youth Energy For A Brighter Tomorrow" was the theme for the Region 5 FHA-HERO meeting. Thirty-four of the thirty-nine of the Corsica Chapter attended the meeting at Iroquois, South Dakota.

The day began with the opening ceremony conducted by the regional officers, followed by the morning Action Activity events. After lunch the day continued with the afternoon Action Activities, a talent show, the business meeting, followed by the announcements of the town which sold the most building campaign raffle tickets

Corsica had five Action Activities participating at Iroquois. All the Action Activities received superior ratings and are eligible to compete at the state meeting at Pierre in March.

"The girls put in a lot of work. I think they realized FHA is what you put into it. They put a lot of work into it and they all received superiors," said Amy Gjesdal, FHA advisor.

In the Beef Cook-off contest, Carlene Sipma's Cheesy Meat Roll took second place out of the fourteen casseroles entered

in the cook-off. Sipma received ten dollar award and will attend the state Cook-off in Pierre if the first place winner is unable to be there.

The newly elected chairperson for Region 5 is Kristi Wagner. She was selected over the candidates from Alexandria-Hanson, Iroquois, Mitchell, and Parkston.

"It will be a lot of responsibility. We have to

coordinate the regional program and we have a lot of decisions to make and decorating to do. Kristi will need the help of all the FHA members," stated Gjesdal, as the regional meeting is held in the chairperson's home town.

When asked for her overall opinion of the day, Gjesdal said, "I was very happy about the way it turned out, and I think the girls did a fine job."

"Too often high schools support and publicize athletic performances so that music programs get little recognition," commented Cassanova. "Festivals recognize music as being a worthwhile experience."

Augustana. A Wind Ensemble also performed under the direction of Mr. Garvey from Augustana.

The Gold Band, which included Lisa, performed the selections "Elegy," "Overture to 'Candide,'" "Fold Dances," and "Marche Des Parachutistes Belges."



Ten CHS girls won superior ratings for their Action Activities entered in the Region 5 FHA meeting. Pictured sitting are Darla Markus, Kristi Wagner, Susan Bamberg and Linda Beukelman. Standing are Vonda Zomer, Michelle Drefs, Donna Metzger and Amy Gjesdal, advisor. Not pictured Carlene Sipma.

Football playoffs make history

For the first time ever in the history of South Dakota, high school playoffs were held.

Champions from five different classes were crowned in the final round of the playoffs held Friday and Saturday, November 13 and 14, at the USD Dakota Dome.

Champions from these classes were: 11AAA-Sioux Falls O'Gorman; 11AA-Winner; 11A-DeSmet; 9AA-Freeman; 9A-Bridgewater.

In Class 11AAA, the Region 1 game began with Sioux Falls O'Gorman defeating Sioux Falls Washington, 20-12. The Region 2 game was won by Watertown, 16-6, against Brookings. Huron fell to Yankton, 51-15, in the Region 3 game, and Rapid City Stevens topped Sturgis,

16-8, in Region 4.

Region 1 game of Class 11AA was won by Vermillion, 24-0, over Madison. Sisseton defeated Milbank, 27-16, in Region 2. The Region 3 game was won by Winner over Mobridge, 15-14, and Spearfish over Hot Spring, 14-7, in Region 4.

Class 11A games began with Beresford defeating Garretson, 46-7, in Region 1 play. DeSmet, in Region 2, glided past Sioux Valley, 29-23, and Tyndall-Tabor defeated Scotland, 16-14, in Region 3. The Region 4 game was won by Gregory, 22-2, over Lemmon.

Class 9AA, Region 1 game was won by Freeman, 14-0, over Chester. Fredrick defeated Eureka, 14-6, in Region 2, and Faulkton

rolled over Stanley County, 42-0, in Region 3. White River, in Region 4, defeated McIntosh, 19-6.

The Region 1 game in Class 9A found Bridgewater crushing Ethan, 40-16. Woonsocket defeated Artesian, 20-8, in Region 2, and Wolsey rolled past Waverly, 45-8, in Region 3. Colome defeated Wood in Region 4 action, 50-6.

Semifinal action began Tuesday, November 10, with Yankton defeating Rapid City Steven, 30-0, and O'Gorman defeating Watertown, 34-28, in Class 11AAA.

Action in Class 11AA began with Vermillion winning over Sisseton 17-0, and Winner rolling over Spearfish, 21-0.

The games in Class 11A were won by DeSmet, 6-0, over Beresford, and Gregory over Tyndall-Tabor, 12-8.

Freeman captured a win over Fredrick, 46-0, and Faulkton over White River, 34-0, in Class 9AA action.

In Class 9A, Bridgewater defeated Woonsocket, 42-22, and Colome over Wolsey, 64-24.

The ten winners of the semifinal games then advanced to the finals played at Vermillion. The outcome of the final games were: Sioux Falls O'Gorman defeating Yankton, 12-3; Winner over Vermillion, 31-21; DeSmet topping Gregory, 8-6; Freeman over Faulkton, 19-14; and Bridgewater defeating Colome, 6-0.

Seniors provide leadership

Curt Wagner and Lowell Groeneweg were selected as All-Conference choices as the Comets finished sixth in Conference play.

The Comets football team ended their 1981 campaign

with a 36-12 victory over Kimball.

The offensive side of the game saw Groeneweg pass for 663 yards, he threw at a 34.5 percent rate with 20 completions of 58 attempts.

Wagner was the main man in the pass department. He hauled in 43 passes for a total of 309 yards and 7.1 yard average. Jerry Beukelman nabbed 16 aerials for 181 yards and an 11.3 yard average.

The Comets rushing game totaled 997 yards on the year with Jerry Beukelman proving to be the leader with 321 yards on 57 carries for a 5.6 yard average. Groeneweg garnered 301 yards on 88 attempts and Kevin Goldammer gained 162 yards on 46 carries.

The quadrant of Wagner, Groeneweg, Beukelman, and Goldammer shared the leadership in the tackle division.

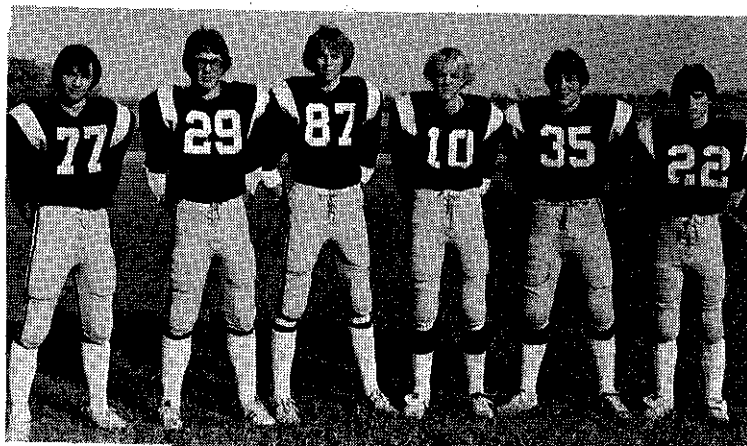
Beukelman led the defensive crew in interceptions with five, while Groeneweg snared four. Doug Beukelman and Steve Noteboom gathered in

two of the opponent's passes each. Goldammer, Troy Bosma and Paul Beukelman rounded out the theft column with one stray pass apiece.

Groeneweg led the fumble recoveries with eight out of 23, he was closely followed by Paul Beukelman with six. Goldammer, Noteboom and Jerry Beukelman stole two recoveries each with Curt Vadnen Hoek, Lonnie Schryvers and Troy Bosma falling on a fumble apiece.

Vanden Hoek, first year kicker, had 897 yards with 26 kicks for an average of 34.5 pards per kick. Jerry Beukelman handled 40 punts for 1089 yards or a 27.2 yard per kick average.

The Comets ended the season with 1660 yards, 16 interceptions and 23 fumble recoveries. Their records stands at 3-5 for the 1981 football season.



These six seniors were the mainstay of the 1981 CHS football team. Pictured from left to right are Todd Plooster, Jerry Beukelman, Curt Wagner, Lowell Groeneweg, Kevin Goldammer, and Doug Beukelman.

Foresight of the FUTURE



I was on the verge of retiring when your editor, the generous Kathy Kredit, gave me a bonus I couldn't refuse. I am sure you are aware, as your editor was, of the fine job I did last month. Kredit mentioned, when I threatened to leave this paper, that there was no one with credentials (both good and bad) like mine to replace me. I pitied her predicament and decided to give your school one more chance.

So once again I am taking my trusty typewriter out to tell the outcome of Comet basketball games. First I must tell you the reason I contemplated leaving the Forum.

Why should I waste my time and skill writing an athletic prediction column for a school that couldn't care less about their athletic teams. You care, you say? I, for one, truly doubt it. If you care, I ask this question. Why has your team participated in over 25 contests, over half away games and only one pep bus has ever left Corsica? I can see that I am right. You don't care. Why???? Don't you care how your school is represented in other communities? Don't you care if the Comets win or lose? Don't you know the pep buses provide free transportation? Or is your problem the fact that you have a forecaster of my caliber telling how the outcomes of the games will be???? Do you just sit at

home feeling secure that I will be right all the time? I fear the last reason is the one that you abide by and that is why I was about to leave the Forum. If you fail to show more school spirit, I will be forced to wander on to a different position. Your school spirit needs to be revived. Why don't YOU do something about it??

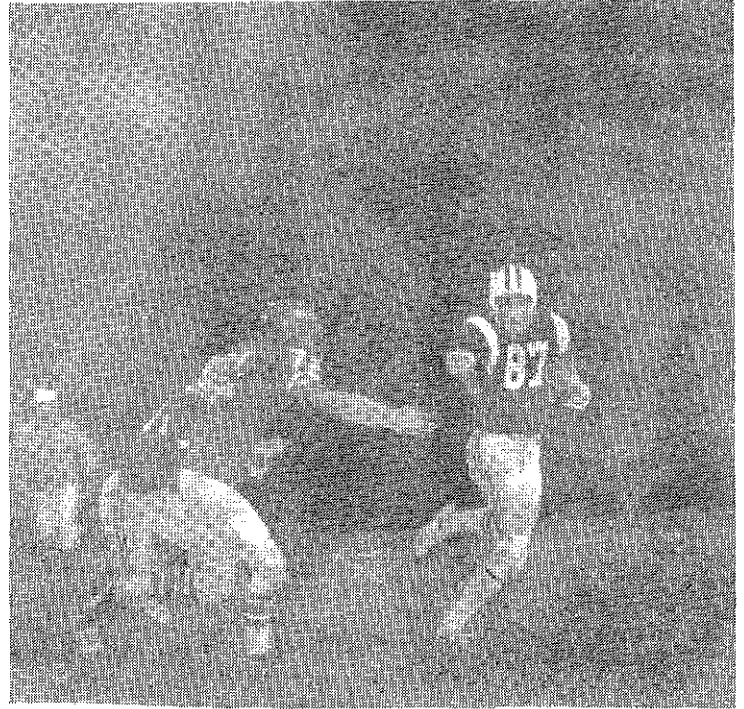
Enough about school spirit, now for the reason you're all reading this article. Here are the foresights I have into the future.

On December 1 the boys' basketball team has its season opener against Freeman. Freeman will be flying high through the first three quarters. Then in the fourth quarter Coach Hagedorn's Comets will make their move and bring the flyers down to earth with an awesome comeback. Comets will prevail by 3 points.

Comets travel to Mount Vernon on December 4. The Mustangs will be hot for revenge since Corsica has already beaten them in both football and girls' basketball. However the Mustangs will have to wait till next year for a victory over Corsica. Corsica by 17.

Tripp comes to town December 8. The Wildcats will be out to stop the Comets but they won't succeed. Corsica will enjoy the homecourt advantage and defeat Tripp by 13.

December 11 signals the



Curt Wagner receives an excellent block from his teammate to escape a Kimball defender. Corsica won their last outing 36-12.

clash of the season as archrival Stickney arrives to take on the hometown Comets. Corsica will have both the size advantage and the advantage of playing on their own court. Regardless, Stickney will lead a successful raid until the third quarter. In fourth quarter action the Comets will stop the Raiders attack. The last minutes will be neck-and-neck but the Comets will head for the showers with a 3 point victory margin. As a word to the wise: free throws count!

December 15 the Comets take on Delmont. Here is one game the Comets could walk away it. One thing to remember is this: Beware of small courts. Don't underestimate the difference a court can make. The Wildcats will be able to slow the Comets to a slow start but once the tip-off is

made the Comets will control the game and bring home a 29 point victory.

On December 18 the Comets will try their hands at playing Columbus. They will travel to the end of the earth to challenge the Artesian Rams. Don't have any doubts though, a pep bus will follow the players to cheer them on to a 19 point victory.

Platte Panthers will await the arrival of the Comets on December 22. Platte may be filled with good intentions of beating Corsica, but let's remember it's the deeds that count and not the intentions. Platte might as well throw their intentions out the window as the Comets will turn homeward with a 17 point victory.

I foresee a victorious season for the Corsica Comets, so why don't you go out and support your team?!

Team experiences .500 record

"I felt fortunate that I was able to work with such a good group of girls my first year of coaching," said Carol Boehnke, girls basketball coach. "I enjoyed working with athletes who were willing to try new things and work hard to improve themselves."

Throughout the season the Lady Comets played a total of twenty games. Asked about the best game the Comets played, Boehnke stated, "We played especially good against Canova in the Corn Palace. Our offense was working, our defense was hustling and our shots were falling. The girls looked very impressive."

Boehnke felt that good defense was the girls' strongest asset throughout the season. "The majority of the teams we played were bigger than us, and the girls knew they had to help each other out to stop the inside scoring attacks. Our full court and half court pressure defense also

worked well for us when the girls hustled to stop the opponents."

The Comet season also found some improvements. "I saw much improvement throughout the season, particularly in several of the underclassmen. We worked a lot on shooting which was our weakest area all season, and the last part of the season proved that concentrating and working hard at something does pay off," explained Boehnke.

After 18 games in the girls' season, the leading rebounder was Cherie Bakker averaging 8.7 rebounds per game compared to the teams average of 30 rebounds. LeAnne De Vries holds the best field goal percentage with 41 percent compared to the teams average of 30 percent. The player with the best free throw percentage was Gina Dockendorf with 48 percent compared to the team's average of 47 percent. Dockendorf also is the leading scorer with an

average of 12 points per game.

Individual effort from each girl was a factor Coach Boehnke felt was important throughout the season. "Overall, I'm satisfied with this year's season. There were several games that we lost where we had the potential to win, but things didn't go our way. I'm happy with the team as long as I know that each individual girl is giving her best effort," Boehnke said

When asked about changes for next year, Boehnke commented, "We are fortunate in the fact that we lose only two seniors off this year's team compared to many area schools who will

be losing five, six or even more girls off their teams.

"Leanne De Vries and Cherie Bakker, two senior starters, helped us out a lot this year, and next year we will be looking at several sophomores to fill those spots."

Each year for the past few years the Lady Comets have continued to improve their season record. Coach Boehnke feels this season was no exception.

"Being the young team that we are, if the girls continue to have a positive attitude and work hard to improve themselves next year's season can be even more successful."

Coming Events

Nov. 26, 27: No school.

Nov. 30: PTO.

Dec. 1: Boys' basketball, Freeman, home, 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 3, 4, 5: Girls State "B" Basketball at Huron.

Dec. 4: Boys' basketball, Mt. Vernon, there, 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 8: Boys' basketball, Tripp, home, 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 11: Boys' basketball, Stickney, home, 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 14: School Board meeting.
FHA meeting.

Dec. 15: Boys' basketball, Delmont, there, 6:30 p.m.

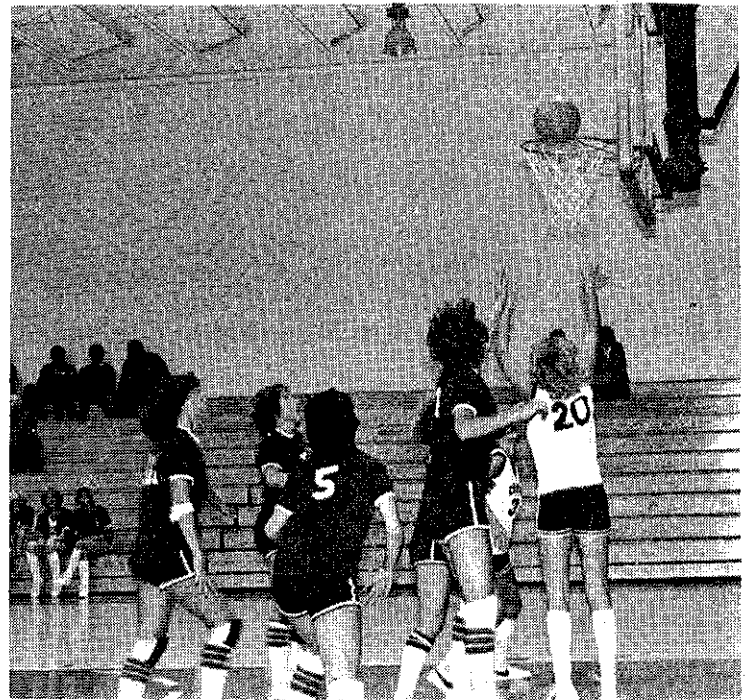
Dec. 17: Elementary Christmas Concert, 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 18: Boys' basketball, Artesian, there, 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 21: High School Christmas Concert, 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 22: Boys' basketball, Platte, there, 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 23: Christmas vacation begins.



Leanne De Vries puts up a two point shot against White Lake. The Comets went on to beat White Lake in their last conference outing.

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