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VANDALISM, THEFT OCCUR AT CHS

Vandalism has been at an increase these last three to four weeks. On Tuesday night, December 21, 1976 Mr. Adams' valve stems on his car were pulled. The people or person who did it confessed to Mr. Adams that they did it. The cost of the damage was \$8.32.

Mr. Adams said that it wasn't the cost of the damage or the waste of his time that bothered him. "The consequences go beyond the small damage that was done to my car, in that, if people run from their frustrations and problems, they will never learn to grow or cooperate with others," he said.

Also on December 23 Karen Vreugdenhil reported to Mr. Anderson that some tickets which she was selling for the Holiday Ball were missing. There were ten books stolen, and all of them were returned to her locker the next day.

The same week that the other two incidents occurred, some minor damage was reported in the school shop.

SEVEN NAMED TO HONORARY JOURNALISM SOCIETY

Four seniors and three juniors, all journalism students at CHS, have been recommended by their advisor for membership in Quill and Scroll, the International Society of High School Journalists.

The four seniors are: Cheryl Beukelman, who is senior editor of the 1977 yearbook; Kathy Kuyper, who is editor of the two school newspapers, The Comet and CHS Notes, and a yearbook staff member; Vera Hoekman, who is a reporter and typist for the newspaper staff; and Wanda Oakland, who is a reporter, typist, and production manager of the newspapers and a member of the yearbook staff.

The three juniors are: Londa Groeneweg, who is a member of the newspaper and yearbook staffs; Denise Markus, who is junior editor of the yearbook and a reporter and typist for the newspaper staff; and Joy Uilenberg, who is a staff artist for the school papers and copywriter and artist for the yearbook.

Since Quill and Scroll is an honorary society, the seven students had to meet all of the following requirements to be selected: 1) They must be of junior or senior classification. 2) They must be in the upper third of their class in general scholastic standing. 3) They must have done superior work in some phase of journalism or school publications work. 4) They must be recommended by their advisor.

Publications advisor, Ms. Nelson, based her recommendations on dedication, initiative, and quality of work. She hopes to recommend more students for membership during the second semester, as they meet the requirements.

As members of Quill and Scroll, the students will each receive a pin, a membership card, and a subscription to Quill and Scroll magazine. They will be eligible to participate in several national contests and to receive Quill and Scroll awards for writing and other journalism activities in the spring.

RESULTS OF WRESTLING MATCH THURSDAY NIGHT: KIMBALL 40, CORSICA 15

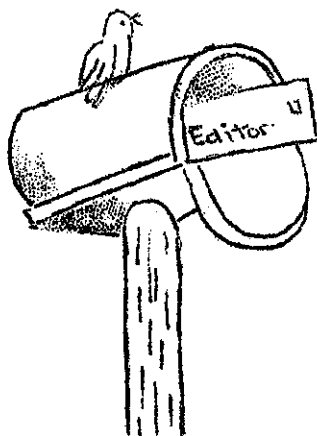
K. Fey and B. King - lost by decision

D. Buck, B. Van Genderen, and Tim Engelland - won by decision

D. DeVries, K. Niewenhuis, D. Holstein, and F. Stredde - were pinned

B. Bamberg - won by pin

The Comets forfeited two weight classes



EDITORIAL PAGE

HIGH SCHOOL SPIRIT IS AT INCREASE

by Tim Engelland

As you remember in the December 10 paper, the CHS Notes, there was a letter to the editor about girls' and boys' sports, and in this letter there was a statement which said, "If this school had any spirit at all..."

I don't think this statement is true because if the person who wrote this letter would have been to the wrestling match Monday, January 3, or the Stickney tournament January 6 and 7, they would not have written this.

I think that the ineligibility list could have been one of the reasons for the poor spirit this first semester. Now that they have changed it, I think it has helped, because when half of your team is ineligible and you have lost the match before you get there, there isn't much to cheer about. I think they should let us have pep meetings again because if you have pep meetings there is something to fire you up.

The wrestling team would like to thank the players of the basketball team, the pep club, and also all other spectators for supporting us. It really helps when you hear someone cheering you on. I hope even though all the rest of our matches are away, that you will still come and cheer us on. And the wrestlers would like the school board and faculty to cheer us on also and not just support the basketball team. Sure, our spirit is not what it used to be, but it is improving.

To the Editor:

We would like to thank the cheerleaders, students, and faculty for your increased support during the tournament at Stickney. It was a noticeable improvement, especially in the cheering section. We really appreciated it and are sorry we didn't give you more to cheer about. We apologize for not playing up to our potential or even to our level of play prior to the tournament. We hope you do not write us off, but continue your support and backing which we need and appreciate. We will be back.

Coaches Butch Reinesch and Ron Leischner
and the Corsica Comets

Editor's Note

From now on the Quill and Scroll insignia will be included in the staff box. Corsica High has been granted a charter of Quill and Scroll, the International Society of High School Journalists.

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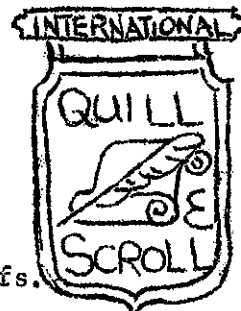
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NEWS BRIEFS

At the close of the first semester the enrollment of Corsica High School has dropped to 89. Four students, Darcy Bartelt and Brian Van Vuuren, juniors; and Lori Denning and Troy Noteboom, sophomores; will not be returning to school for the second semester.

Miss Wagner and the one-act play cast have been holding morning and evening rehearsals regularly in preparation for the January 18 contest at Gregory. Cast members are Kathy Kuyper, Sandy Beukelman, Dave Holstein, and Bob Bamberg.

Miss Sheryl Baumiller of Parkston was crowned queen at the Holiday Ball at Plankinton on December 29. Miss Jewel Anderson from Plankinton was the runner-up. There were eleven candidates representing the following schools: Letcher, Parkston, Stickney, Plankinton, Ethan, Mitchell, White Lake, Mount Vernon, Artesian, Kimball, and Corsica. Karen Vreugdenhil represented Corsica at the contest.

Entertainment was provided by the band Straight Up. The dance was well attended by the high school students from all over the area.

SENIORS LEAD "A" HONOR ROLL FOR SEMESTER

Students on the "A" Honor Roll for the first semester are: Seniors-Darwin Brouwer, Vera Hoekman, Kathy Kuyper, and Delwyn Vreugdenhil; Juniors-Ivan Brouwer, Scott Muckey, Paulette Vanden Hoek; Sophomores-Sheryl Beukelman; Freshman-Cindy Baier, Karen Brouwer, and Lynette Olawsky; Eighth Grade-Jim Beukelman and Dennis Hup; Seventh Grade-Sharlene Drefs and John Reimnitz.

Students on the "B" Honor Roll for the first semester are: Seniors-Cheryl Beukelman, Sandy Beukelman, Donn Bordewyk, Cindy Bultje, Wanda Oakland, Brenda Peters, and Mike Vanden Hoek; Juniors-Jean Bormann, Londa Groeneweg, Denise Markus, Laura Noteboom, Phyllis Olawsky, Colleen Olivier, Jim Olivier, Barb Peters, Joy Uilenberg, and Karen Vreugdenhil; Sophomores-Cheryl Bamberg, Mark Bormann, David Buck, Rose Drefs, Connie Everson, Debbie King, Nancy Spaans, and Glenda Vanden Hoek; Freshmen-Bryan Bakker, Dave Bordewyk, Suzanne Fisher, Tim Noteboom, Rhonda Uttecht; Eighth Grade-Brenda Buck, Tom Dockendorf, Doug Olivier, and Brenda Zomer; Seventh Grade-Julie Baier, Cherie Bakker, Leanne DeVries, Lisa Gerlach, Lowell Groeneweg, Kathy Kredit, Marlys Olivier, Brenda Uttecht, and Kevin VanMaanen.

TWENTY-TWO HAVE PERFECT ATTENDANCE

The following students had perfect attendance for the second nine-week period: Seniors-Robert Bamberg, Vera Hoekman, Kathy Kuyper, Sharon Muilenberg*, and Wanda Oakland; Juniors-Charles Anderson*, Jean Bormann*, Ivan Brouwer*, and Londa Groeneweg*; Sophomores-Cheryl Bamberg*, Mark Bormann*, Jeff Hamburg, Larry Hoekman, Dwight Plooster, Nancy Spaans; Freshman-Bryan Bakker, Dave Bordewyk, Karen Brouwer, Suzanne Fisher, Doris Muilenberg, Lynette Olawsky, Curt Wagner; Eighth Grade-Brenda Buck*, Tom Dockendorf*, Kevin Fey*, Edith Heber*, Julie Hoekman*, Dennis Hup*, Renee Moke*, Chuck Noteboom*, Doug Olivier*, Ione Star*, Terry VanMaanen*, and Brian King; Seventh Grade-Cherie Bakker*, Sharlene Drefs, Lisa Gerlach*, Lowell Groeneweg*, Brenda Uttecht, Kevin VanMaanen*.

*Denotes perfect attendance for the semester.

COLLEGE EDUCATION - COSTS

A survey of college costs by the Life Insurance Marketing and Research Ass. reveals that the cost of a college education has gone up again. More than four-fifths of the colleges surveyed raised the cost of tuition for the 1976-77 school year. The steady rise in costs adds up to a 25% increase over the average cost of five years ago.

CHS SPORTS NEWS

COMETS FINISH SECOND IN AURORA COUNTY TOURNAMENT

The Comets placed second in the Aurora County Basketball Tourney last week, beating Plankinton in the first round and then falling to the rival Stickney Raiders. In the first game the Comets came away with a comfortable 62-50 win. At halftime it looked as though it was going to be another squeaker, as the Comets lead by only a point, but a second half chain of good shooting broke all hopes for the Plankinton Pirates. Leading the Comets to victory were Darwin Brouwer and Scott Muckey with 17 and 20 points, respectively. Darwin Brouwer also led in rebounds with 15, followed by Ivan Brouwer with 12. The Comets shot a good 45% from the field and did a great job of rebounding, although they had 25 turnovers. For the losers, Ken Schmidt had 13 points, followed by Tom Page with 9.

In the championship game the Comets fell victim to a Raider team that could hardly miss from any where on the court and who kept their turnovers down to 11. The game was a 10 point difference in favor of Stickney from the first two and one-half minutes of the game. The Comets couldn't seem to get it together once, as they had problems shooting and rebounding. There were a few bright spots for the Comets as Darwin Brouwer shot 9 of 16 from the field and 4 of 6 from the line to lead the Comets with 22 points. Scott Muckey hit 6 of 11 from the field to follow with 12 points. Rebounding leaders for the Comets were Jeff Hamburg with 9 and Les Groeneweg with 7. The Comets came home with the second place trophy after being down 68-52.

FORECASTER'S CRYSTAL BALL HAS MALFUNCTION

by Bob Bamberg

Hello once again, basketball fans. The fearless forecaster is once again on the jog with Hubert, his fearless crystal ball. Your hero, "me", predicted wrong in the Aurora County Tourney. I'm very sorry about my bad prediction, but my crystal ball has been malfunctioning lately. I gave it a tune-up and an oil change and it should be ready to predict the last three games in January.

On January 21 the Comets go to Stickney to play the arch rival Raiders. This is a very hard prediction but I'll have to go with the home court team. I'll take STICKNEY. On January 25 Wagner comes to town. I've heard nothing about this team so I take the home team again--CORSICA.

On January 28 Artesian invades Comet Country. I'll go with a good close game, but CORSICA will come out on top.

Well, folks, I'll see you next issue and my crystal ball will be all rested up for February. For now, this is the Fearless Forecaster saying "Good Day."

WRESTLERS CLAIM FIRST VICTORY OF 76-77 CAMPAIGN

The Comet wrestlers won their first match of the year January 3 as they defeated Mt. Vernon 38-32. In the 98 lb. class, Brian King lost by decision. Kevin Fey was pinned in the 105 lb. class. Dave Buck, at 112, won by a pin; and Brian Van Genderen won by forfeit. Darwin DeVries drew with his opponent. Mt. Vernon won the 132 and 138 lb. classes by forfeit. Tim Engelland pinned his opponent in the 155 lb. class, Dave Holstein won by forfeit, and Forrest Stredde and Bob Bamberg won by pins in the 185 lb. and heavyweight classes.

TWO NEW TEACHERS JOIN FACULTY

Two new teachers have joined the faculty this semester. Ms. Becky Pace took over Mrs. Lindeman's position as seventh and eighth grade English and reading teacher and librarian. Mrs. Barb Noteboom has taken Mr. Behrend's position, teaching typing I, business law, and supervision a study hall.

Ms. Pace graduated from DWU in December and is living in Mitchell, so is commuting back and forth for now. When asked if she plans to stay next year, she said she didn't know yet. Ms. Pace is originally from Columbia, Missouri, is divorced, and has three children. When asked what her impression of the students was, she said, "Most of the kids have been super nice, very helpful, and tolerant."

Mrs. Barb Noteboom graduated from the University of South Dakota at Springfield. Previously, she taught in Keya Paha County High in Springview, Nebraska; in Carthage, South Dakota; and last year she taught the second semester in Corsica. She said she has no idea of whether she will come back next year. When asked what her comments were on the school and students, she replied, "There is definitely room for improvement, and the attitude is kind of poor."

MUSIC DEPARTMENT IS VERY BUSY

The time of year has again come when the music department gets things going into high gear. It is the time for the vocal and instrumental music contests. The vocal music contest will be held in Lake Andes February 2 and the instrumental music contest will be held February 9 at Wagner.

Soloists this year for the vocal music contest are; sopranos: Kim Van Roekel, Phyllis Olawsky, and Mona Maunders; mezo sopranos: Denise Markus, Cheryl Bamberg, Brenda Peters, and Cheryl Beukelman; altos: Sandy Beukelman, Kathy Kuyper, Carmen Zwart, and Suzanne Fisher; tenor: Dave Holstein; baritone: Bob Bamberg; and bass: Tim Engelland. Tentative soloists for the instrumental music contest are Suzanne Fisher and Kim Van Roekel on the flute; Darwin Brouwer on the tuba, Dave Holstein on the trombone, Jean Bormann on the drum, Kathy Kuyper on the alto saxophone, Rhonda Uttecht on the tenor saxophone, Sandy Beukelman on the bass clarinet, and Cheryl Bamberg on the trumpet.

Looking ahead at the musical calendar of the school, it is very busy. On January 12, the swing choir, who have new outfits, will sing for the annual meeting of the Co-op. January 21 is the date for All-State Band tryouts and the concert will be given March 25. The eighth and ninth graders go to Mitchell for their annual vocal and instrumental contest on February 16. The annual Pops Concert will be held March 17. March 25 is the date when bands from the area meet at the Corn Palace for a concert. This year, the choruses will not be singing. One of the last things on the calendar this year is the spring concert to be presented on April 28.

Counselor Helps Students with Goals, Problems

The roles of a school counselor are varied. Most people are aware that the counselor is trained to help students with their planning of goals after high school, such as vocational schools, colleges, military services, or job placement. In regard to these services, many students have used them to their advantage. The majority of students that use these services are juniors and seniors. However, some freshman and sophomores have also, and this is strongly encouraged.

Unfortunately most students, and adults, are not aware of the extensive training a counselor undergoes to help people with personal problems. Mr. Adams offers students a chance to help themselves by explaining their positive and negative characteristics. He states, "Change is never easy, and often it is painful, but if you are unhappy with yourself or situation, then some kind of change is needed." All counseling sessions are kept confidential between Mr. Adams and the student.

Mr. Adams averages between 8 and 12 students a day in his office. His most common problem is, "...not having enough time to meet and listen to more students."

CAPRICORNS.....ON THE ROAD TO SUCCESS

A Capricorn could best be described as being the tortoise in Aesop's fable about the slow crawling tortoise and the flighty hare. As you remember how the story progresses, the tortoise doesn't seem to have a chance to win against the quick, bright hare. But the flighty hare goes in all directions forgetting the goal...the tortoise wins. In likeness to this fable are the characteristics of the goat. Observe the goat as he scales the mountainside. He hasn't a chance against the strategy of the smarter humans who pursue him. But the hunters fall behind as the sturdy goat climbs determinedly from crag to crag on his uniquely designed hooves and the goat wins.

Capricorns can look as harmless and act as harmless as a feather quilt, but they're as tough as steel. They hammer away relentlessly, persistently, managing to digest insults, pressures, and duty as calmly as the goat digests rusty cans, broken glass, and cardboard. Like him, they have iron stomachs. He's careful to avoid the obstacles, the sharp rocks. No wonder he seldom stumbles. His eyes aren't fastened on the stars. He keeps his gaze planted ahead and his feet firmly planted on the ground. Jealousy, impulse, anger, laziness, carelessness — are all obstacles. Let others trip and fall over them. Not Capricorn. He may linger briefly in pity for those who failed or in gratefulness to those who aided, but he'll continue his steady upward climb until his goal is reached. Note: Boyd Reimnitz's birthday was omitted from the Christmas issue of The Comet. His birthday was December 7 and he is a Saggitarian. Capricorns at C.H.S.:

Debbie Zomer	December	25
Brenda Peters		26
Mona Maunders		27
David Bultje		27
Kathy Kuyper	January	5
Brian Van Vuren		7
Joy Uilenberg		9
Rod Van Roekel		11
Charles Anderson		13



WORDS HELP KEEP FREEDOM!

How often we take for granted the hundreds of thousands of printed words available to us everywhere we turn in our daily lives. Yet, we depend on books, newspapers, and magazines for our intellectual sustenance and our liberties.

But not too many years ago, measured in terms of recorded history, Sir William Berkley, colonial governor of Virginia, said:

I thank God there are no free schools nor printing, and I hope we shall not have these (for a) hundred years; for learning has brought disobedience, and heresy, and sects into the world, and printing has divulged them, and libels against the best government. God keep us from both.

The governor didn't have his way. Printers and the printing craft grew and prospered as they played a significant role in the founding of this nation. And, needless to add, International Printing Week, January 16-23, lauds Benjamin Franklin, scientist and statesman, but first a printer!

(This was reprinted from the January, 1977 Reporter)

Dakota Wesleyan College operates on a 4-1-4 curriculum schedule. This means that every year seniors at DWU have one month in which they are required to take only one subject. This gives them time to participate in an activity in their major area of study. For Bev Beckman, White Lake; and Sam Everson, Stickney; majors in theater and speech, their interim activity is to travel to high schools and promote the department's activities.

On January 6, Mr. Mike Turchen and these two DWU seniors came to spend a day with the Corsica junior and senior high students. They showed slides, which mainly consisted of some play productions that had taken place at Dakota Wesleyan College. They also had the students participate in a few non-verbal communication exercises and talked about the operation of their speech and theater department at DWU.

They were invited to come to Corsica by Ms. Pace, the new librarian, a former student at DWU.

PROFESSOR DISCUSSES PROS AND CONS OF ALCOHOL
(A reprint from the Brandon Valley High School Echo)

Webster's Third New International Dictionary defines drugs as: A substance other than food intended to affect the structure or function of the body or man or other animal, the desire for which increased with habit.

While there is a problem with drugs like marijuana, uppers, downers, etc. there is much more abuse of another drug--alcohol. And alcohol is a drug. Alcohol fits into Webster's definition.

But it is not the drink that is the drug. Alcohol itself is a beverage. Lewis Cope, in an article in the November 14, 1976 Minneapolis Tribune, "Alcohol: Not How Much You Drink, But Why," says, "Drinking with the purpose of getting drunk is akin to taking heroin or some other drug for the high it offers." Cope goes on to quote Dr. Richard Heilman, an alcoholism expert at the Minneapolis Veterans Administration Hospital, "The rather sudden change in feeling--the cloud-nine thing--that it offers is a rather dangerous thing to do. Sure there's some pleasure involved, but that just means that the person may want to achieve the same effect over and over again--which means addiction."

"Drinking has been called America's No. 1 drug--abuse problem, since an estimated nine million Americans are either alcoholics or have serious social or other problems caused by their drinking," says Cope. "Yet on the other side of that coin, more than 90 million other Americans drink without such problems."

Dr. Thomas Briggs, who heads the Minnesota State Medical Association's Committee on Alcoholism, in Cope's article, said, "The amount you drink is an important thing, but not the most important. The most important thing is why you drink." Hansen suggests that students drink to fill voids in their lives. He said they drink due to a poor self concept and/or lack of communications within their families.

Cope gives some advice to those who use alcohol:

- Don't use alcohol when you're emotionally upset, lonely, or under major stress--times when you may feel you need alcohol the most. It may become a "crutch."
- Don't use alcohol to solve problems. It is a problem causer.
- Pace your drinks and eat food along with drinking. It slows the flow of alcohol into the bloodstream and gives the liver time to burn-up the alcohol.
- Limit your number of drinks and stick to it.

FIFTH AND SIXTH INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL STARTS

Next Monday marks the day of the first fifth and sixth grade basketball game. The fifth and sixth physical education classes are divided into teams, four girls' and four boys' teams. They are coached by the following high school B team players: Rod Van Roekel, Mark Bormann, Brian Jendersee, and Dwight De Vries.

On alternating days, two teams will come down for their games, and the coaches whose teams are not playing will be the referees. Mr. Leischner will be running the scoreboard.

SCHOOL BOARD CONSIDERS SENIOR PRIVILEGES

by Wanda Oakland

How many of you have ever attended a school board meeting? Well, behind the closed doors of the school library there are some pretty interesting and informative topics discussed. January 10 marked the night of the monthly board meeting. The topics discussed ranged from bowling lessons to speech therapy.

There seems to be a slight improvement in the number of students eating in the lunch room at noon. Mrs. Schryvers, head cook, reported that there has been an increase of 30-40 more students eating in the lunch room.

A proposal was made by Mr. Lanpher to hold a series of bowling lessons for the seven girls in his physical education class. The classes were to take place at the bowling alley downtown, but proved to be inconvenient for the owner. The board considered the plan not very worthwhile for only seven students.

A letter has recently been received by Mr. Hall and the board concerning Mrs. Schulz. She informed him that there has been some improvement in her health, but she has asked for a leave of absence for the remainder of the school year. The board granted her request. A leave of absence entitles Mrs. Schulz to the right to return to her job next year if she chooses.

You all remember the hearing and speech screen given to you by USD? Mrs. Christopherson did a follow-up on it and gave a report on her activities. It was also proposed that the school district participate in the Multi-District Plan for Special Education Project for Speech and Hearing for the 1977-1978 school year. Schools participating in the program are: Plankinton, Stickney, Corsica, Platte, Armour, Kimball, and White Lake. Plans are for those schools to hire two therapists and a psychologist to travel between the schools.

During the board meeting, after the agenda has been taken care of, any one is free to bring requests to the board or to express their views. A few of the seniors called on them Monday night to ask for open campus. Since most of the seniors have three study halls in the afternoon, it seemed instead of sitting around in school for three hours of the afternoon, they could manage to help out at home or elsewhere. But the fact still remains that there have been problems in the past---ranging from the dropping in grades, the problem of driving their cars around, and a place for those not going home. The board decided to table a decision until the February board meeting.

A reporter from the paper staff will try to attend each monthly meeting so the staff can continue this column in order to keep the readers informed.

STUDENTS ASKED TO CONTRIBUTE WRITING, ART TO NEW PUBLICATION

Publication of a literary magazine will begin this semester at CHS. Editors will be Paulette Vanden Hoek and Phylis Olawsky. They will be assisted by Quill and Scroll, the honorary journalism society.

The magazine will consist of contributions by CHS students. These contributions may be essays, poems, short stories or drawings. Names must accompany entries, but names will be omitted from the magazine if requested by the authors. All entries must be given to Ms. Nelson or the editors. There is no set limit on the number of entries a student can contribute.

A contest will be held for the best essay, poem and short story. The contest is for grades 9-12 and the deadline for entries is February 11. A small cash prize will be given to the winners in each division. All students are urged to enter and make the magazine a success.

EDUCATION HELPS MARRIAGES

Who are the people most likely to stay married? According to government statistics, the higher the education and income of the marriage partners, the better the chances for compatibility. For example, when both husband and wife are college graduates, 90 per cent have been married only once. When both are college graduates, 83 per cent stay married. Among husbands and wives who do not graduate from high schools, only 75 per cent stay together.

CLASSROOM HUMOR HELPS

Students can score a whole grade point higher if they listen to funny lectures instead of conventional lectures, according to an on-going 2½ year University of Southern California (USC) study of comedy in the classroom.

"Humor can mean the difference between an "A" and a "B" or between a "B" or a "C", reports Dr. Scott Fraser, an organizer of the USC Quality Teaching Effectiveness Program (QTE).

In 1974, the USC Psychology Department brought in Eric Cohen--then a comedy writer for Johnny Carson's show and today one of the producers of "Welcome Back Kotter"--to punch up their introductory psychology lectures.

"The students didn't know about the experiment," said Dr. Fraser. "We had a large sample of students divided into 12 sections with 6 different instructors for each. They were switched back and forth between humorous and conventional lectures. There was also a control group getting the regular lectures. All were tested constantly. "Students who had lecture presentations with humor scored higher and invariable did better than the others. It increased both their comprehension and retention of the material."

"We used the kind of humor which is pertinent to the concepts and ideas presented in a regular psychology class. We wanted the students to remember the material, so we gave them something bizarre or unusually funny to associate it with." "That's where the jokes came in," said Dr. Fraser.

Eric Cohen said, "All I did was take the original lecture material and add humor which illustrated some of the points. I didn't change the lecture content at all."

"Take my introduction to a talk on abnormal psychology, for example: Hello, I'm Professor- - - - and I'm giving a quest lecture today on the subject of troubled people. I consider myself particularly qualified to discuss troubled people. I've been both a student and a teacher here at USC. I had quite a distinguished academic career at this university--I spent my first three years majoring in registration."

". . .One look at the head of the psychology department and I knew psychology was for me. He was a very dedicated man. He refused to teach his students about any form of mental illness of abnormal behavior until he'd tried it out on himself."

Cohen chuckled and added: "What we're talking about is making things more communicative and humor is just one way of doing that."

"If you're a bore, you're not communicating as well as you should."

"It doesn't take a Ph. D. in Psychology to figure it out--humor has two very substantial effects. It arouses the student, making learning a positive experience, and it's enjoyable, thereby increasing attention."

"Instead of just sitting there and copying down dry information for 50 minutes, you have fun!"

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 14 -- Basketball game against Mr. Vernon on home floor
- 16-23 - International Printing Week
- 18 - Wrestling Match at Lake Andes
- 21 - Basketball game at Stickney
- 22 - Wrestling Match at Woonsocket
- SAT tests
- 24 - 7th and 8th grade basketball game against Armour on home floor
- 25 - Basketball game with Wagner on home floor
- 28 - Basketball game with Artesian on home floor
- Wrestling Match at Wessington Springs
- 31 - 7th and 8th basketball game at Platte