

THE COMET

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Holiday Ball To Be Held

by Tami Hamburg

The Miss Holiday Ball will be held in the Plankington High School Gym on Saturday, December 27, 1975. The band, Cokely, will be playing from 9:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. with last years queen, Jean Pazous, from Kimball, taking the honor of crowning this years queen at 11:00 p.m.

There are eight contestants for this years ball. They are Monica Storm from Ethan, Pam Mathis from Mt. Vernon, Colleen Breukelman from Stickney, Karen Moody from Letcher, Susan Shuman from White Lake, Diane Pazous from Kimball, Lori Dodd from Plankinton and our own Vera Hoekman.

Advance tickets are available from Vera for \$1.75. The cost at the door will be \$2.00.

The ball is put on by the Crippled Children Teen Board. So why doesn't everyone come out for a good time during your Christmas vacation and at the same time support a great cause.

Voices Of
CHRISTMAS
FEATURING CHS
DEC. 23, 1975 8:00-8:30
ON WNAX P.M.



Three C.H.S. seniors were recently nominated for the tenth edition of Who's Who among American High School Students. They are Debby Groseth, Randy Dockendorf, and Bonnie DeBoer. Recognition in Who's Who is a national honor for junior and senior class high school students who have shown leadership or achievement in either academics, athletics, extra-curricular activities or community service. Those receiving this award are eligible to compete for \$35,000 in scholarship grants.

Maturity Means Endurance

by Debbie Arlt

In the last couple of school papers, you may have noticed that there has been alot of talk of CHS students maturity. Mostly, about drinking and the way we act in school and school activities. Since there seems to be some concern I'd like to tell you some information I have acquired in my Psychology Class about mental health and emotional maturity.

First, let's look at the definition of mental health--A way of living such that a person is well adjusted to his social environment, both from his point of view and from the point of view of others. In thinking about this definition and in viewing a normal day at CHS it seems that the mental health is zero or in negative range. Nobody seems to care about what people feel or think. It's just the feeling, "I'm bigger and stronger than you are so I'm really 'it'." And then we look into what the book has to say about emotional maturity. Everyone wants to be mature, to be thought of as an adult! Emotional maturity is defined as the displaying of emotional behavior such as is usual and expected of grownup persons. Though it is expected that every adult is mature, we find in the book it's not so. Here is some characteristics that psychologists have found in children and emotionally immature adults: (1) intolerance of discomfort and demand for immediate relief; such as, you feel that you are being infringed on and you demand a change. Maybe a feeling that someone has power over you and you don't like it. (2) Demand for immediate satisfaction;--the feeling I want it now or you're going to suffer the consequences. (3) Explosive behavior such as "flying off the handle," temper tantrums, sudden and copious crying. I can't say that I have ever seen a sudden and copious crying in this school. But! A temper tantrum doesn't always mean lying down on the floor and pounding your fists. (4) Demand for personal satisfactions regardless of the inconvenience and even discomfort which such demands may bring to others. In looking in this last characteristic, we may look at the way some of the guys treat the girls in this school. I agree maybe the girls do ask for it sometimes, but that doesn't mean everytime that a girl is seen she has to be molested and practically raped. Maybe it's time we all started acting like adults instead of a bunch of aroused animals.

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Well thank-goodness the book, also, gives us characteristics of a mature person. Maybe looking at this we can better ourselves and our school. (1) He can endure pain and suffering; (2) He can wait for his rewards and look at situations from a long-range view; (3) He is able to take an active interest in the life and welfare of others. Not to destroy something of someone else's because they don't like it or there is competition or hard feelings. They say that an adult who enjoys mental health is emotionally mature.

In viewing what the book states and what is going on in this school, there seems to be alot to be desired in C.H.S. So let's all try to become mature adults and transfer our emotionally aroused energy into more socially approved forms of behavior.

Vacation
Time -
Enjoy It!

Christmas
Celebrated

by Vera Hoekman

Today, one of the happiest days of the school year, we will be viewing the film entitled, "The Ghost and Mr. Chicken", which will last until 11:30. At that time we will open our gifts, exchange thank-yous, and eat dinner. We will be dismissed for Christmas and New Year's vacation between 12:30 and 1:00. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and see you again January 5, 1976.

Freshmen Anticipate X-mas

by Cheryl Babmberg

The Class of '79 has been pretty busy lately. They have been busy with their usual assignments, tests, and also putting up with all the teachers. Along with the school work are basketball games and wrestling matches.

In the last week of November grades 9-12 were to nominate a Miss Snow Queen. The Freshman Class nominated Lori DeVries so that the next day the rest of the high school could vote on it.

We drew names in school for Christmas gifts, so there has been a lot of wondering about what to get the person whose name they drew.

The freshmen are looking forward to a brief school vacation over the Christmas holidays. They should remember that semester tests come soon after they get back.

Sophomores Sponsor Dance

by Diannee Menning

The Sophomore Class has been doing the usual thing of schoolwork and studying. We voted for a girl to represent the class for the Snow Queen Ball. We voted for Barb Peters. The other classes also voted for someone from their class. Then the whole high school voted for one of the four girls. The Junior Class won. The Sophomore Class also has been thinking about having a Christmas dance, but it isn't a definite thing as of yet. Being Christmas season everyone is busy shopping and being in Christmas spirits.

NEWS AND VIEWS-75

Seniors 'Face' The Facts

by Renee Tecklenburg

Amidst the cold, frozen days and nights the seniors are doing the general things that seniors usually do this time of year--planning Skip Days, where to go and when, and how to get the necessary funds; getting back senior pictures and realizing with disappointment what you really look like; and listening to various college representatives who all say their school is best and you believe them until you hear the cost.

Most of the class is involved in the winter concert where we will use all of

our energies and hope not to create a chaos.

We are all looking forward to Christmas vacation, hibernation, and the New Year of '76!

Juniors' Plans Progress

by Vera Hoekman

The juniors this month have been kept busy doing many things. It may be studying, going to basketball games and wrestling matches, or just plain goofing off! To add to this list we have been taking bookkeeping tests and having class meetings. We are looking forward to Christmas and the vacation that follows it.

Attitudes Need New Resurrection

by Randy Olawsky

Our school is dying! It is almost dead. We students are the blame! Our attitudes and desires are in hell. We students have no respect for anyone whatsoever. We students don't give any thought about anything but ourselves. All we students want to do is "screw-off" and have one heck of a good time.

Our school is dying. It is almost dead. Our school began to die last year. We students lost our interest in certain school activities. We students always had "something better to do." We students didn't want to work hard to get something accomplished. We students did whatever we wanted, and refused to do what others wanted us to do. We spoiled brats had to have our own way!

Now, we students have made this school one big, disorganized dump. Our school represents the people of this town. We are making our friendly little town of 600 look like trash.

We students are the only ones who can reshape our school and our community. We must change our ways and our logic of thinking. School is a place for learning, not a place where one can "screw-off."

Our school is dying and is will continue to die if we do not get with the program. We students must cooperate with one another to change our attitudes and get our school on the road, again. Let's have a lot of respect and pride.

Music Shows Holiday Mood

by Deb Bartelt

The time came once again for Corsica High School to take part in the holiday events. The Music Department sponsored a Christmas concert on December nineteenth in the school auditorium. Participating in this event were the band, boys' chorus, girls' chorus, and mixed chorus. Various numbers were presented by each. Randy Olawsky sang solo part in a boys' chorus selection of "Nothing Like A Dame" and Deb Arlt sang a solo in a girls' chorus selection of "In the Mood". Among the pieces presented were: "Christmas Is", "Three Hungarian Songs", "Holy Night", "There Shall a Star Come Out of Jacob", and "A Special Night", plus many others. Lunch was served afterwards by the Music Boosters.

North Pole Brings News

by Wanda Oakland

Have you ever wondered what kind of activity is going on down at that freezing cold place called the North Pole? Let's take a closer look at what's going to happen this year when there's only a week left before Christmas.

Of course there's Santa Claus getting in shape with his Weider excersizer to get those buttons closed on his red suit. Mrs. Claus made a mistake, she measured Santa before Thanksgiving and didn't realize how many extra pounds he would gain. Mrs. Claus is proud of the red suit with white fur trim she sewed with her new Singer sewing machine this

year, even if she made it kind of small.

The Clauses aren't the only ones that are bustling about. The little elves are hard at work in the shops. They just received a supply of new wquipment for this year. Instead of the usual pounding and hammering, we will be hearing the BUZZING of electric saws and drills they'll be making the toys with this year.

Santa will be looking mighty good this year when

he makes his trip. With his new suit fitting just right and his sleigh filled with the best toys.

So lets have a little patience this year when Santa makes his run, he has long list of requests to fill and he must be pretty worn out from all the activity that took place at the North Pole.

The acrostic in the last issue was prepared by Darcy Bartelt.

Pachyderm Terrorizes Banana Street Residents

by Randy Dockendorf

Have you ever felt really excited over a gift and found out it wasn't what you were led to believe? For me, Christmas came in April this year. Julie Folkerts, now at USD, entrusted me with her pet elephant, Karl, at the reading of the will at Junior-Senior Banquet. Julie had picked up Karl while traveling in Africa, and felt I could take care of the poor thing while she trudged on to cold, cruel Vermillion.

At first I was hesistant, but after seeing the postage on him there was only one polite thing to do. Karl became our adopted pride and joy. Our family thought Karl was cute and useful too. He would keep the grass short and was a keen "watch-elephant."

However, that was last summer, and certain problems have arisen since then. Have you ever tried to shovel an elephant out of a snowbank? Karl is not the type you keep in your basement. Marlys Veurink complained that he was interrupting her piano practice, and Deb Arlt isn't speaking to me anymore after Karl stepped on and crushed Roy's Pinto. Brian Stredde (a loyal Democrat) isn't speaking to me either with an elephant around, and some Republicans in the neighborhood are molesting poor Karl with such signs as "Vote G.O.P. in '76" and "Re-elect the President." How can I explain to Karl that there are still eleven months until election?

Life at our house is becoming very different lately. Our effort to housebreak Karl has not been entirely successful, and Moris the cat has developed fits of jealousy and inferiority.

Something had to be done. On my brother's suggestion, we stuck Karl in a sauna to slim his tummy down and barely got his rump in the mail box. Have you ever tried to stamp and address an elephant? I haven't let Julie know yet, but Burgess Hall is getting a new mascot. I am hoping they will change the name to the University of South Dakota Pachyderms.

The moral to the story is this: If you party too much over the holidays and see pinks elephants, don't be alarmed--it's just poor Karl roaming across the midwest looking for Julie!

Cage Season Rolls On

by Bob Bamberg

The Corsica Comets opened their 1975-76 season against a supposedly state bound team, the Tripp Wildcats. Although losing by 20 points the Comets put up a fight against the Wildcats. Randy Olawshy pumped in 18 points, followed by Darwin Brouwer with 13. Tripp had much greater height, but Darwin managed to pull down six rebounds.

Corsica dropped their first conference game to White Lake, 61-45. Terry Hall led the Comets to a 6-2 lead, only to see our Comets lose. Leading scores were Darwin Brouwer, Randy Olawsky, Terry Hall, and Scott Muckey with 9, 8, 8, and 7 points respectively. Darwin visited the back boards by pulling down 8 strays.

The Dakota Christian Cadets tool advantage of the large Corn Palace floor to roll over our Comets 80-46. Randy Olawsky led the Comets with 21 points. Les Groenweg led the rebounding department for Corsica by hauling down nine stray shots while the Brouwer brothers, Ivan and Darwin took in seven apiece.

Corsica played a tough game against the Delmont Wildcats all the way, but say two late free throws end their hopes for a victory, 82-81. The Comets fought back from 12 points down, and took a lead late in the game but couldn't hang on. Four Comets led the way in scoring: Randy Olawsky, 23; Scott Muckey, 18; and Les Groeneweg and Donn Bordewyk, both with 14. Darwin Brouwer, Les Groeneweg, Donn Bordewyk, and Randy Olawsky were top rebounders with nine, seven, six, and five, respectively.

SPORTS NEWS 1975

Forecaster Gains Insight Into '76

by Randy Dockendorf

The "Fearless Forecaster" of CHS fouled up his final assignment of 1975 by overestimating the Comets' progress at this stage of the game. Facing the toughest teams early in the year, CHS is slowly but surely getting its physical work together and re-examining their mental attitudes toward a new coach and a winning philosophy. Although most people say I should quit while I'm ahead, I intend to put December '75 behind me and look ahead to 1976 with these predictions.

The first regular game of the month renews a strong rivalry with Mt. Vernon. The Mustangs and Comets have had some fierce battles, and Corsica will want to revenge their only conference football loss. This CBH victory go to...
...CORSICA.

Trouble comes to town in the form of Dan Moran and his Stickney Raiders. Last year CHS was a rude host and made a nice little profit out of the visit. Although I said it last year, CBH control goes back to the Black and Orange of.....
...STICKNEY.

One Raider follows another - Corsica gets a look at Wagner's spacious auditorium where touny action will take place. Terry Hall will also be meeting a very familiar face in the form of cousin Steve. An insight to Region play? Probably not, but there will be enough incentive to make this an upset special of the month....
...CORSICA.

The Comets close out January on a date with Artesian. Both teams were conference powerhouses last year, but are off to a slow start this season. Nevertheless, the emerging victor is.....
...CORSICA.

I saved the toughest for last as the CBH Tourney moves to Plankinton in '76. Ethan will nip Kimball in the qualifying round but fall to White Lake in the first round. Letcher will dump Mt. Vernon to join the Indians in semi-finals. Host Plankinton should drop our Comets, and Stickney will advance over Artesian. White Lake will dispose of Letcher, and in a barnburner, Plankinton will use the home floor to slip past the Raiders. Stickney's recovery will gain a consolation trophy, while Plankinton is the 1976 CBH champions by virtue of its championship victory over White Lake.

This year's champion will be the last to hold the crown, so everybody will bring their Spirit of '76 to the PHS gym.

Conference Meet Set

by Randy Dockendorf

The holiday spectacle known as the CBH Congerence Tournament will reveal its magic action color and

spirit in the Plankinton High floor January 7-10. The CBH tourney is always a thriller and this year is no exception. Stickney, White Lake, and Plankinton command heavy favorite
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Graumann Remains Undefeated For 1975

by Debbie Arlt

The Comets had their first tournament at Lake Andes this year. The participating teams were Lake Andes, Lyman County, Freeman, Avon, and Corsica. Corsica beat out Lyman County to place fourth in the tournament. Those Comets who had wins were: Brian Van Genderen--4; Don Schrank--4; Mick Schrank--4; Curt Graumann--4; Kent Dockendorf--4; Dave Buck--2; Todd Vander Pol--1. Keith Weerheim suffered an injury his first match.

The Comets on December 1, took on the Woonsocket Redmen for a victory of 36-33. Those who won were Dave Buck, Keith Niewenhuis, Don Schrank, Mick Schrank, Curt Graumann, and Kent Dockendorf. The Comets then took a defeat against the White Lake Indians 26-37. Keith Niewenhuis suffered a broken leg and is out for the season. Those having wins were: Todd Vander Pol; Keith Weerheim; Curt Graumann; Brian Van Genderen; Dave Buck.

The Comets then trucked on over to Gregory for their second tournament. The teams participating were: Parkston, Burke, Gregory, Todd County, Sully Buttes, Winner, White Lake, and Corsica. Comets who won were: Brian Van Genderen--2, Todd Vander Pol--2, Don Schrank--3, Mick Schrank--2, Curt Graumann--3, Kent Dockendorf--2.

Then on December 11, the Comets were on the road to Avon. The evening turned out to be a success for the Comets. They beat the Pirates, 36-33, the first time Corsica has ever beat Avon. The guys contributing to the victory were Brian Van Genderen--forfeit, Doug Plooster--forfeit, Don Schrank--forfeit, Mick Schrank and Curt Graumann both had pins and Kent Dockendorf had a forfeit.

Standing Records are: Fastest Pin--Curt Graumann :21, Most Pins--Curt Graumann 11-0, Most Takedowns--Don Schrank 14, Most Reversals--Dave Buck 9, Most Escapes--Don Schrank 7.

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roles with Letcher as a darkhouse.

Monday, January 5 pits Ethan and Kimball for the right to play White Lake Wednesday. Also on that night's schedule is Letcher versus Mt. Vernon. Plankinton tangles with Corsica in the first Thursday contest, followed by the Stickney-Artesian clash. Semi-final and championship rounds are held on Friday and Saturday, respectively.

By a vote of the conference board, the 1976 meet will be the last. This means each team will be doing their best.

Speaking of holiday games, don't forget the Stickney Doubleheader on December 30. Corsica faces Alpena in the opener, while host Stickney squares off with Class 'A' Parkston in the nightcaps. Both teams are undefeated at this writing.

CORSICA GIRLS CLIMB UP CBH LIST

by Sandy Beukelman

The CBH Conference has selected the All-Conference team for the 1975 girls basketball season. Two Corsica ball players, Brenda Peters and Kathy Kuyper, made the team. Three girls, Barb Peters, Carol Buck,

and Sandy Beukelman, received honorable mention. Corsica was rated third in the conference with a record of six wins and two losses, which was below Ethan and Stickney.

Matmen Forge Ahead

by Deb Arlt

December 20 was the day the mighty Comets set on the road for the CBH tourney in White Lake. The teams and the ratings went as follows: White Lake, 138 points; Wessington Springs, 102 points; Corsica, 94 points; Woonsocket, 83 points; Mt. Vernon, 57 points; and Kimball, 35.

The Comets had many placings this year--Brian Van Genderen, Don Schrank, and Curt Graumann, first; Dave Buck and Kent Dockendorf, second; Fred Weerheim and Mick Schrank, third; and Todd Vander Pol, fourth.

Last year only Don Schrank had a championship.

CHS Notches First Win

by Randy Dockendorf

Corsica High recorded its first win of the season and kept in the CBH race by virtue of a 71-68 victory over Kimball. CHS roared to a 24-10 first quarter lead, and kept a seventeen point margin throughout the second half before letting up in the final minutes.

Scoring was extremely balanced as five men reached double figures. Leading the way were Randy Olawsky's 20, Les Groeneweg at 13, and Darwin Brouwer, Mark Noteboom, and Ivan Brouwer's ten point contributions. Ivan and Randy pulled down eight and seven rebounds, respectively.

Corsica, South Dakota
December 24, 1975

Mr. Santa Claus
419 Icicle Ave.
Frosty City, North Pole BERRB

Dear Santa:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the requests you filled last year.

The following are our humble requests for this year. First of all the teachers: Mr. Bass could really use jumper cables or a new car. Mr. Kruse requests a General Business class with a great ability in figuring interest. Mr. Reinesch is humbly hoping for something like five Wilt Chamberlains or even just two or three.

Now a few students requests: Greg Isakson would like a pickup? (...uh, four-wheel drive) while Brian Stredde is hoping for a bathtub full of Canadian Mist and a matching stool (in case of accidents). Norman Eye is behaving (quite well) in hopes of a motorcycle and Deb Arlt is dreaming of a computerized steering mechanism programmed for Plankinton. Leland Blume, on the night before Christmas, will be watching for you and hoping for a new steering wheel for his car. The Pep Club is sending in an order for an instant throat relief medicine and a dozen new voices to fall back on in an emergency. The student body is silently waiting for a brand new cookbook for the cooks. Todd Gerlach would much appreciate a high chair and Renee Tecklenburg is making plans for college and is known to need a portable ten acre patch of carrots.

We have tried to be good but we hope your merit system standards aren't to high. We also hope that in addition to these humble requests more of us will find a secret and mysterious present under his or her tree.

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Love ya',

Students of CHS

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