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Pep Club

Donates Funds

The girls' basketball team will have new warm-up jackets next fall, a gift of the CHS Pep Club. The club voted in a meeting Thursday to donate \$235 to the team.

The Pep Club has been active all school year helping to keep up the Comet spirit by boosting both the boys and girls in their sports.

One of the Pep Club's fund-raising and spirit-raising projects was the sale of maroon and white stocking caps with "Corsica Comets" on them. Many people bought them last fall, some to keep their ears warm and others to show that they were Comet supporters. The girls also sold the Homecoming mums.

Two Win Acting Awards For One Act Play, "Sham"

Sandy Beukelman and Dave Holstein were chosen best actress and best supporting actor for their roles in the One-Act Play, "Sham", at the district contest in Gregory January 18. Other cast members were Bob Bamberg and Kathy Kuyper. The play was directed by Miss Wagner and Jean Bormann was in charge of make-up.

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Darwin Brouwer Chosen

Family Leader of Tomorrow

Darwin Brouwer has been named Corsica's 1976-77 General Mills Family Leader of Tomorrow. Darwin won the honor by competing with other seniors in a written knowledge and aptitude examination December 7. He will receive a certificate from General Mills, sponsor of the annual educational scholarship program, and becomes eligible for state and national honors.

The State Family Leader of Tomorrow, to be chosen through judging centered on performance in the December 7 test, will receive a \$1,500 college scholarship, with the second-ranking participant in the state receiving a \$500 grant. The state winner will also earn for his or her school a 20-volume reference work, "The Annals of America," from Encyclopedia Britannica Educational Corporation.

In April, the 51 winners representing every state and the District of Columbia will be the guests of General Mills on an expense-paid educational tour of colonial Williamsburg, Virginia and Washington, D.C. During the tour the All-American Family Leader of Tomorrow will be selected.

The goals of the General Mills Search are: (1) enhance the dignity and prestige of the American home (2) help students prepare for family living, and (3) emphasize the contributions to the home being made by high schools and their teachers and to help with their important work.

Darwin was asked what he thought of the test. He said the test was hard and he was surprised that he won. He was also asked how he feels about being the winner. Darwin said, "Right now I feel embarrassed because the award is usually associated with a girl. When the novelty wears off, I will feel honored and pleased with the award."

Concern, Involvement Begin With Individuals

by Sandy Beukelman

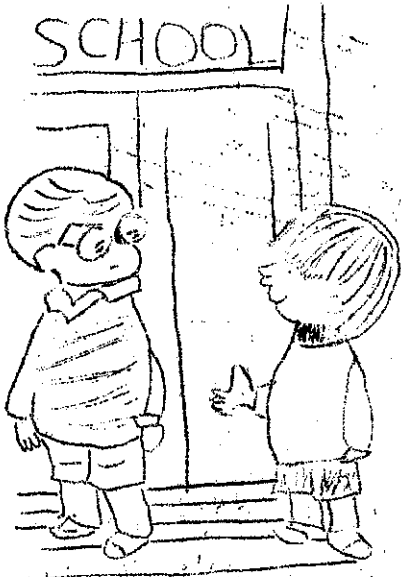
In Webster's New World Dictionary "concern is defined as "to have an interest in or regard for a person or thing; to be involved or interested." How many of us can honestly say that we are involved or really care about someone or something other than ourselves? It could be in regard to school activities or what we do elsewhere.

Take for example, the Miss Holiday Ball Contest held in Plankinton December 29. How many of us went to the dance with the idea that we would be helping children who, unlike ourselves, are crippled? On the other hand, how many of us went with the idea that we would have a good time?

A second example would be the KORN Radio Station's Muscular Dystrophy Eleven-Man All Star Football Team. The idea was that every school in the area had the choice of promoting a football player or players from their school's team by buying penny votes from the station. The eleven players with the most votes would make up the team. The money received from the Muscular Dystrophy Society.

Do you know how many schools said they would take time to participate in the project? Only two schools out of all those that were sent the necessary forms.

Are we so busy that we can't take time out
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"I've decided to take up a collection for a good cause ----- me!"

SENIORS SPEAK OUT

Open Campus Coming?

At the last school board meeting, a few of the seniors went to ask for senior privileges. The board tabled the discussion until the next meeting.

Some of the seniors have study halls from 1:10-3:30. Why should they sit in study hall when they could be home working, be at their jobs, early, etc.? Being in study hall for a continuous two and-a-half hours can be very boring and can drag the day out.

One of the big concerns is the dropping of grades. Some people believe that if the students don't have those study halls, they won't get their studying done like they should. If we are concerned enough about grades, studying will be
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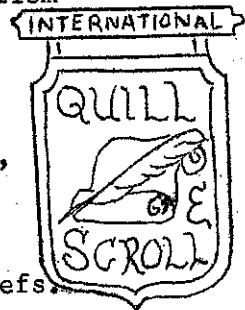
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CLASS NEWS

Seniors Begin Soc, Econ

by Vera Hoekman

Can you believe it? Only about one hundred days are left for the class of 1977. That means in four short months the class of 1977 will be history. But there are some things that need to be taken care of first. This past month, the seniors started making plans for skip days and asked the board of education if they could have senior privileges the last nine weeks. Remember the Betty Crocker test that was taken? Well, Darwin Brouwer received the award.

At the beginning of the semester some of the students of the senior class had to choose sociology and economics. Sociology is the study of groups of people and why they act like they do. Economics is the study of our economic system - how prices are set, how business is organized, and the jargon that is used in economics.

Sophomores Face Changes

by Connie Everson

Since the beginning of the semester there have been quite a few changes for the class of '79.

We have now concluded our drivers' ed course and are driving for Mr. Wagner in the afternoons.

We have also made a switch in English, from speed to literature. We are at the present time working on book reports, which are due in a couple weeks.

The beginning of the semester also brought Mrs. Barb Noteboom in as our new typing teacher.

The basketball guys are still hard at work keeping in shape and coaching the fifth and sixth grade basketball teams. Some girls have already begun talking about track and are looking forward to spring.

Juniors Select Theme, Choose Band for Prom

by Tim Engelland

The junior class is keeping busy with various activities. Since Christmas vacation, the bookkeeping class has been working on their practice sets in any free time they have.

The class has had several meetings this last nine weeks about the prom. The prom will be held on April 22. Contrast, a band from Sioux Falls, has signed the contract. Shades of blue are the colors which have been chosen, and the theme has been picked but must be kept secret.

The class has been raising money through after-school candy sales. Anyone who would like a Comet frisbee, talk to one of the class members and they will get you one.

The boys have been busy with wrestling and basketball. The class has also been working hard for solo and small groups contest, February 2.

Frosh at Work

The freshman class has been busy in several subjects. The science class just finished studying about weather. In English they have been writing and reading short stories. The girls are learning about banking in general business class. The freshman boys are working steadily at their projects in shop. The girls have kept themselves occupied by going to sports activities. The basketball B team has a 6 and 2 record for the year.

Is Your Car Winterized?

(A message from the CHS Safety Council)

As you all know, winter is the most hazardous time of year to drive. Extremely cold temperatures combined with ice and snow, make driving difficult and dangerous.

In order to protect you and your car, the Department of Public Safety strongly suggests that everyone have their cars winterized. By winterizing your car, the department does not mean just putting on your snow tires. Included in a good winterization are a number of items to check, and also a little bit of added trouble, but if you use the following checklist, winter driving can be made a lot safer for you.

(1) Brakes - have them checked for balance and have them adjusted, if necessary.

(2) Fluid Levels - keep the battery, brake, fluid, clutch, radiator, transmission, and rear end filled..

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SPORTS NEWS

Basketball Team Gets Back on Winning Track

The Corsica Comets, after a victory over Wagner Tuesday, hope to start a winning streak as they play Artesian tonight at home and then travel to Geddes to take on the Fort Randall Conference squad February 1.

The Comets came from behind in their game against Wagner to pull off a 60-56 victory. The Comets had a few problems, but bounced back in the fourth quarter. The Comets shot a low 33%, making 25 out of 75, and collected 33 rebounds to Wagner's 36. Wagner shot a good 50% making 18 out of 36. For the Comets Les Groeneweg, Darwin Brouwer, and Scott Muckey hit 19, 12 and 11 points, respectively. Darwin Brouwer also led in rebounding with 9.

In the Mount Vernon game, Parson and Co. defeated the Comets after a closely fought game which ended in a score of 68-59. The Comets shot 27-67 for a low 40% average and pulled down 36 rebounds. The Comets were led by Darwin Brouwer with 14 points and 12 rebounds. Also helping the Comets were Les Groeneweg with 14 points and Mark Noteboom with 10. Ivan Brouwer followed his brother with 11 rebounds. For the Mustangs Bob Parson had 25 points followed by Dave Deinert with 14. The rebounding leader for the Mustangs was Jeff Newman with 14.

In the Stickney game January 21 the Comets looked pretty tough the first two periods of play as the Raiders went in at half time with a 1 point lead. But the Comets went cold in the third period and fell behind 12 points, 23-63 for 37%. Leading the Comets were Mark Noteboom, Darwin Brouwer, and Les Groeneweg with 14, 13, and 10 points respectively. Ivan Brouwer lead in rebounding with 8.

DISTRICT
WRESTLING TOURNAMENT
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4
PLATTE

Five Place In Tourney

The Corsica wrestlers participated in the Woonsocket Invitational and placed five wrestlers in the top four slots. Dave Buck at 112 lbs. and Bob Bamberg, Hwt., were first place finishers. Brian Van Genderen, 119 lbs., and Forrest Stredde, 185 lbs., were third place finishers; Darwin DeVries came in fourth in 126 lb. class. Woonsocket won the overall championship with 160½ team points closely followed by White Lake's 160 points. Wessington Springs, Sunshine Bible Academy, Corsica, and Chester placed with 150½, 75½, 75, and 36 points respectively.

Comet Urges Continuation Of Wrestling at C.H.S.

by Forrest Stredde

In my opinion it would be very unfair if wrestling were eliminated from the school's extra-curricular activities. There are quite a few wrestlers on Corsica's squad that have been out for a long time. If wrestling would be eliminated, it would ruin many hopes or chances for the kids who are outstanding wrestlers in their respective weight classes. If wrestling were dropped, some of the wrestlers who have a year or more left in high school will have wasted a lot of time and hopes waiting till now to have a chance to wrestle first string.

Our facilities are limited, but our suits and mats are in good condition. I know the mats won't last forever and the suits won't last forever, but every other sport and activity's equipment doesn't last forever either. As for the facilities, the mobile unit has been closed and the west side is no longer used for seventh graders. If its windows leak, they could be fixed or we could put some kind of cover or plastic over them. Maybe it was cold for the seventh graders, but if we stop the draft, and wrestlers (cont. on p. 5)

EDITORIAL

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of our schedules to help those who are less fortunate?

Those people have feelings just like ourselves. They have hopes, dreams, and needs just like you and I. Sure we send our money, but why don't we also add with it some feelings.

These people aren't the only type that need attention. There are millions of older people who have their own homes taken away from them and are sent to special homes for the elderly. They live in these homes, in a sense cut off from the normal world, until they die. Some look with distaste at the older generation, never thinking that they themselves will someday be in the same situation.

There isn't anyone who likes being alone always. Everone has a desire for attention love, respect, and care. Without these things people get lonely, depressed, and angry. This is where suicides and crime come in. If everyone cared about his neighbor, no one would care to steal from or kill him.

We could never accomplish a perfect society but we've got to begin somewhere. Why not with you?

Forecaster Is On the Move

by Bob Bamberg

Here I am once again, to cast my predictions for the first three games in February. I looked up my record and according to my statistics, I am 22 and 6 in predicting. Not bad, right? On February 1 the Comets travel to Geddes to play the Rams. I'm sure they'll come home with a victory due to Geddes's prior record. Make it CORSICA.

The big Maroon Machine travels to Ethan February 4 to play the Rüstlers. Ethan hasn't looked too promising and the Comets will be looking for another CBH victory and revenge from last year. I'll take CORSICA.

On February 8 Lake Andes comes to town. Lake Andes went to the State B's last year and they have a lot of experience and depth from last year. I'll predict a mild upset in CORSICA.

Well, we'll catch you next issue with more predictions, so for now, farewell!

WRESTLING

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moving with sweat-clothes on, we could easily keep warm. It is pretty late in the year now, but we have plenty of time for next year.

Hopefully if we could get the mobile unit and get more wrestlers out for the sport, we could have a successful team and also be fair to the wrestlers who have already been out for quite a long time.

Matmen Lose To Lake Andes

The Corsica wrestlers were defeated 40-21 by the Lake Andes Eagles January 18. Brian King was decided in the 98 lb. class. Kevin Fey was pinned in the 105 lb. match. Dave Buck at 112 and Brian Van Genderen at 119 won by decision and pin, respectively. Darwin DeVries lost by decision at 126. Keith Nienhuis lost by decision at 145 and Tim Engelland won the 155 lb. match by forfeit. Forrest Stredde was pinned at 185. Bob Bamberg finished the night by winning the heavy weight match by decision. Corsica forfeited the 132, 138, and 167 lb. classes.



HEY!

BIG MAROON!

WE'RE ROOTIN' FOR

YOU!

Big Business — Monkey Business?

What's Up For...

- Feb. 1 - Basketball at Geddes.
- 2 - CBH meeting at Plankinton, Vocal Contest at Lake Andes
- 4 - Basketball at Ethan
- 8 - Basketball with Andes on home floor
- 9 - Instrumental Contest at Wagner
- 10 - Assembly at 2:30 (Blue Grass Duo)
- 11 - Basketball with Letcher on home floor
- 14 - School Board Meeting
- 15 - Basketball at home with Armour

by Sheryl Beukelman

Recently, more than 22,000 high school students participated in a survey conducted by Who's Who Among American High School Students. Their opinions and attitudes were polled on how they felt about big business. 1,700 teens said that, to them, big business is monkey business. But 83% of these young people also said the American economic system is better than any other system. Those that put down big business say that businesses care more about profit than anything else.

A majority of the teens believe that manufacturers are more interested in slick, glamorous ads and pretty packaging than the quality of the contents. They also say that big companies use their wealth to control what the consumer gets in the market-place.

Advertising was also a hard-hit subject as the teens concluded that truth in advertising is just empty words.

Most teens also feel that the workers are getting the raw deal because the increase in automation is cutting out many jobs.

On the top of most teens' priority list comes pollution. To these teens the businesses are to blame for what they see as half a decade of failure.

As far as the government is concerned, the teens polled thought the government should have control of the limited resources, but that is the only place they put the government in charge. The same number of students believe it's better if government leaves the lid off business profits.

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and Dakota Christian. Gregory and Platte were chosen to advance to the State Festival in Huron January 27-29.

Although Corsica wasn't chosen to advance to the state contest, this was an experience for all involved. They had a chance to perform for an expert in the field of drama and then receive criticism and compliments on their work.

Who Are Delinquents?

The following poem was taken from the Chamberlain High School newspaper.

You read in the paper and hear on the air
 Of killing and stealing and crime everywhere.
 You sigh and say as you notice the trend,
 "This young generation, where will it end?"
 But can you be sure that it's their fault alone?
 That maybe a part of it isn't your own?
 Are you less guilty, who place in their way
 Too many things that lead them astray?
 Too much money to spend, too much idle time,
 Too many movies of passion and crime.
 Too many books not fit to be read,
 Too much evil in what they hear said.
 Too many children encouraged to roam,
 Too many parents that won't stay at home.
 Kids don't make the movies, they don't write the books.
 They don't paint pictures of gangsters and crooks.
 They don't make the liquor, they don't run the bars,
 They don't make the laws, and they don't buy the cars.
 They don't peddle drugs, that addle the brain.
 That's all done by older folks, greedy for gain.
 Delinquent teen-agers--oh, how you condemn
 The sin of the nation and blame it on them.
 By the laws of the blameless, the Saviour made known
 Who is there among you to cast the first stone?
 For in so many cases its sad, but it's true--
 The title, delinquent, belongs justly to you!

This was contributed by Brad Zomer
 from the February 1974 Comet.

Aquarians Are Realistic

by Wanda Oakland

Lots of people like rainbows. Children make wishes on them, artists paint them, dreamers chase them, but the Aquarian is ahead of everybody. He lives on one. He's taken it apart and examined it, piece by piece, color by color, and he still believes in it. It isn't easy to believe in something when you know what it's really like, but the Aquarian is essentially a realist.

This normally soft-spoken and courteous soul can suddenly short circuit you with the most amazing statements and actions at the most unpredictable times. He'll show up bare foot if he feels like it, and laugh at you for laughing at him. Aquarians often deliberately adopt weird attire to show their refusal to conform.

Politics fascinate him, sports absorb him and children intrigue him. But then so do horses, automobiles, elderly people, authors, alcoholics, and baseball.

Look for a strange faraway look in his eyes, as if they contained some kind of magic, mysterious knowledge you can't penetrate. Aquarius eyes are typically vague, with a dreamy, wandering expression, and often (but not always) blue, green, or gray.

Ordinarily it's difficult to get an Aquarian to make a precise appointment. He'd rather keep it loose, because he doesn't like to be pinned down to specific duties or obligations at specific times. He prefers a casual, "I'll see you around---maybe sometime Wednesday" to a definite hour for a meeting.

This Sun sign is known as the sign of genius, and so it is, since over seventy percent of the people in the Hall of Fame are either Sun Aquarians or have Aquarian ascendants. On the other hand, a substantially high percentage of those confined in mental institutions, or who drop in for regular couch sessions with an analyst, are also Aquarians. There's a fine line, they say, between genius and insanity, and your Uranian friends can sometimes make you wonder which side of the line they're on.

Aquarians at CHS

Bob Bamberg	Jan. 21
Delwyn Vreugdenhil	27
Bryan Bakker	Feb. 5
Becky Weerheim	7
Mark Bormann	10
Dianne Menning	10
Harlan Star	12
Mike Vanden Hoek	18



CHS

News Briefs

ALL STATE BAND TRYOUTS

This year Kathy Kuyper and Sandy Beukelman went to the Mitchell Senior High School January 21, to audition for the All-State Band.

A band containing the best instrumental musicians in the state is selected every year to make up the South Dakota All-State Band. Students wanting to obtain a position in the band must tryout at one of the four audition centers in the state. The audition consists of a prepared solo, scales, sightreading, and a written test. Points are given in each area and then totaled together for that student's final score. Scores are compared and those students with the highest scores are selected to participate in the band. Results of the auditions will be available in three weeks.

FMC TRIP

The FMC trip to SDSU at Brookings has been postponed twice recently. On January 19 it was due to the weather conditions. The idea was dropped again this week because the expense would be too great for the number of girls who planned on going at that time. Mr. Adams has said that they will try to schedule the trip for spring when the weather is more predictable.

The students of Corsica High would like to thank the cooks for the dinners we've been getting lately. The food is really good and we thank you.

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done whether we have the study halls or not. School is not the only place studying can be done; some can do better not around other people. It'll be up to the students to keep the grades up. If we want to compete in any activities we'll have to keep off the ineligibility list.

In the past years there were a couple kids in the group that went uptown, goofed off, and rode around causing a lot of havoc, but would act decent. Those who have no place to go can always stay in school. That's where they'd be if open campus wouldn't be allowed anyway.

The privileges we get this year are skip days and dismissal a week earlier than the rest of the students. It's not like being a senior anymore. We don't get the privileges seniors have had of open campus the last semester. Now, there is no difference between being a senior and a freshman, simply because they are treated the same. People used to feel proud as seniors, but now we seem no different from when we were freshmen.

Are seniors ready to take the responsibility of senior privileges? Seniors are at the age where they can handle their own decisions about what they want to make of their lives. All we ask is a chance to show that if we are given a privilege, we will take the responsibilities that go along with it--use it, not abuse it!

Art, Writing, Solicited

The literary magazine has been making progress as publication is scheduled for early in March. The color of the cover has been chosen, and arrangements have been made to have cover printed at the Argus Printers in Stickney.

Anyone who has any suggestions for a title or who would like to work on art can talk to Paulette Vanden Hoek, Phyllis Olawsky, or Ms. Nelson.

The Quill and Scroll, honorary journalism society, is sponsoring a creative writing contest for grades 7-12. First place winners will receive a \$5.00 prize in each of the three divisions: essay, poem, and short story. The contest ends February 11. The purpose of the contest is to get material for the literary magazine. If any of the teachers or other school personnel would like to contribute to the magazine, they are welcome to do so.

IS YOUR CAR WINTERIZED?

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(3) Oil - Change to a light-weight oil.

(4) Battery - Test for a full charge and good connections. If necessary, winter is the best time to get a new one.

(5) Tires - Put on snow tires; be sure the treads are deep enough to bite the snow well.

(6) Lights - Double-check headlights, brake, and turn signals. Be sure to keep them clean.

(7) Exhaust systems - Have the muffler and exhaust system checked for leaks.

(8) Windshield - Make sure Windshield wipers and defrosters are working well.

(9) Tune-up - Get a complete tune-up for easier starts and smoother running.

DO YOU HAVE THE
FOLLOWING WINTER
SUPPLIES IN YOUR CAR?

1. SCOOP SHOVEL
2. FIRST AID KIT
3. TIRE CHAINS
4. HEAVY COAT
5. SNOW BRUSH
6. FLASH LIGHT