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1976 Brings New License Plates

by Debby Groseth

You have undoubtedly noticed some changes in the new license plates being issued. These plates are designed to honor America's bicentennial besides having a number of new features. The plates you get this year will be used for the next five years. By using them for five years, a half million dollars will be saved. Besides that, there will be much less waste of raw materials, thereby protecting our environment. The new plates will encourage vehicle registration by mail, which will be a great convenience to the owner.

These plates will be easier to read because the numbers have been changed to county abbreviations. They will be made of aluminum so they won't rust. If the plate is damaged or destroyed, a replacement plate can be made at a \$2 cost to the owner.

C. Graumann Wins 20

by Wanda Oakland

Twenty and 0, what a record!! This record is currently held by a member of our own Wrestling team!!

'Wizard' Comes To CHS; Tryouts Set For Feb. 16-20

by Randy Dockendorf

All of your childhood fantasies can come true when Corsica High will be transformed into the mystical, magical Land of Oz as the CHS Drama Club presents the musical spectacular "Wizard of Oz" on April 8, 9, and 10. After weeks of agonizing waiting Miss Wagner and Mr. Bartelt announced the final selection. But now the work has just begun! Tryouts will be held during the week of February 16, and competition is expected to be fierce. There are seven major roles to be cast: Dorothy, Tinman, Scarecrow, Cowardly Lion, Wicked Witch, and Sorceress (Good Witch). Of course there are also Munchkins and Ozians to humor and make trouble. Miss Wagner announces that there are 34 in the cast (27 chorus) because the members are doubling and tripling parts, but if there is an overflow of talent more parts will be created. The final twelve positions will be occupied by band members.

You say you have a foghorn and two left feet? Never fear! Can you type, draw, paint, saw, hammer, run lights, put on make-up, usher, take tickets, or even RUN? If so, step right up! You are definitely needed to fill the many crew positions. Right now you can do your part by passing on the news--THE WIZARD IS COMING! THE WIZARD IS COMING Emerald City may never be the same!

Curt Graumann, the proud owner of these outstanding statistics has had 20 wins and no losses. Sixteen of these victories have resulted in pins, the other four were either decisioned or forfeits.

This is Curt's fifth year as a member of CHS's Wrestling team. His fastest pin this season has been in 21 seconds. Curt has done a fine job this year and let's all wish Curt lots of luck in his remaining career at wrestling at CHS.

Swing Choir Keeps Pace

by Renee Tecklenberg

On February 19 at 8:00 P.M. the Corsica Gym will suddenly come a-LIVE with music. At this time the second Annual Pops Concert will be held.

The Stage Band will perform various types of music from blues/jazz Summertime (an arrangement by Mr. Bartelt himself) to rock -- can't Page 3

Lifesaving Classes Perform Vital Service

by Deb Arlt

The question has probably come up, "If you came upon a person whose heart had stopped, would you know what to do?" There are at least forty people in Corsica that can say "I do."

On Monday morning the first class was given on CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation). Mrs. Lois Gustad (a certified instructor) came to CHS with "Annie" to teach faculty and students the Universal procedure for giving CPR. This is a new method, six months old, for victims whose heart and breathing have stopped. The Universal procedure was brought into existence by the American Heart Association, so that if you were anywhere and saw someone doing CPR you would know exactly what they were doing and could help them.

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Title IX Compliance Notice of the Corsica Independent School District #22

Students, their parents, and employees of the Corsica Independent School District #22 are hereby notified that this school district does not discriminate on the basis of sex in its educational activities and employment practices. Any person having inquires concerning the Corsica School District compliance with Title IX is directed to contact Superintendent, Neil Hall, Corsica, South Dakota, 946-5446 at the school.

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The story of how Anne came to be is sad yet may result in saving thousands of lives. A doctor's daughter Anne was a drowning victim. The Doctor perfected the dummy Anne to be a means of teaching individuals the procedure of CPR. Anne was built in the likeness of the doctor's daughter. The full size model is even dressed as his daughter was dressed on the day of her accident.

It is South Dakota's goal to teach one out of every four persons CPR, which is quite important in South Dakota because of the distance it is to the nearest doctor. With the help of all of you that have learned this method more people might live. Mrs. Gustad hopes to come back later this spring for another class if anyone is interested, and also for those that have taken the course so that they may refresh their memory by practicing. Mrs. Gustad also encourages everyone to take the 22 hour course this spring. The life you save may be someone you love.

Three P's Add To Life

by Randy Dockendorf

Everybody knows school is made up of the three R's but did you ever stop to think that the three P's- pride, personality, and patience-are just as important? All too often people don't have the pride or patience to finish a well-done job, or gain knowledge only to turn others off with their grouchy or conceited personalities. Good grades, teamwork, or pride in our school they're not just a sidelight to high school, but the very center to be practiced!

CHS Students Watch The Birdie

by Randy Olawsky

Mr. Baird, the photographer, stopped at C.H.S. to take pictures January 12, 1976. After Mr. Baird found he had to take pictures around tests, he wanted to leave and come back a different day. Somehow, we talked the man into staying, and we began to get the disorganized mess going. One hour later, teachers and students alike, were making funny faces and trying to smile.

Mr. Baird finished picture taking shortly after dinner. The teachers were relieved because they now could go on with their lesson plans and not be interrupted. Meanwhile, Mr. Baird packed up his bags and left C.H.S. in a nice, quiet manner.

Junior Prom Plans Unfold

by Cindy Bultje

The big thing this month for the Juniors is the planning of the prom. They had a class meeting and decided on waiters and waitresses for the prom. Waitresses are as follows: Barb Peters, Laura Noteboom, Jean Bormann, and Joy Uilenberg. Waiters are: Tim Engelland, Les Groeneweg, Brian Van Genderen, and Fred Weerheim. This is one date in the future to which the Juniors are looking forward.

Another event that happened recently was the receiving of semester grades. For some people this was proof of accomplishments in learning. For others it showed that they were present.

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Juniors are still working in the concession stand at home games and meets for the grade and highschool.

Freshmen Enter New Classes

by Cheryl Bamberg

The freshman class are starting the third-nine weeks with Grammar in English, instead of Reading which we learned the last two-nine weeks.

The freshmen are glad that the Semester tests are over. We also received our report cards Friday, January 16. As long as we remember we've only one-half year left, we'll keep plugging forward!

Sophomores Make Grade

by Diane Menning

The sophomores have a good start on this 9-weeks and have completed their last 9-weeks tests. The worst part was getting their report cards, as some people have to study harder next 9-weeks or are doing pretty well and are to keep up the work. Our class is also busy going to basketball games and wrestling matches. One of the loyal members of our class, Brian Van Genderen won first place at the Mt. Vernon Wrestling Tourney.

Swing Choir

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That's The Way, I Like It, with some other good material in between.

The Swing Choir will present some slow sounds from

Seniors Examine Plans

by Renee Tecklanburg

With less than three and a half months of high school days left most seniors are taking a few steps toward future plans. Some have been visiting various v- techs and colleges, while college representatives keep coming and then there is never ending information sent by mail, either everybody wants us or somebody's heard we've got money or something. The other day we viewed a program on the various types of aid and grants available especially the BEOG which is the type most people get, forms are available from Mr. Hall or Mr. Anderson.

Meanwhile we've got extra curriculars. In sports the wrestlers have been doing pretty good at tournaments and also have outstanding individual records; the basketball team is developing too with a lot of high scoring seniors; lots of the people involved in music will show their talents in upcoming contests and the Pops Concert. When there isn't a game or practice of some kind to go to and even when there is the teachers always manage to pull through and give us a quiz or a test.

Ticket To Ride to things like Some Kind of Wonderful.

I'm sure that no matter what type of music is your style it will be presented. We hope to perform in such a way that you'll like all that we do, so come and Celebrate in music!

Vocal Contest Attracts School Singers

by Deb Bartelt

As we all know the annual Vocal contest is right around the corner. This year the contest is to be held on February 4, at Wagner. This year CHS is taking 17 soloists and five groups consisting of Swing Choir, Girls Trio, Girls Triple Trio, Boys Octet, and Mixed Ensemble.

Those in Swing Choir are: Deb Arlt, Renee Tecklenburg, and Pam Engelland, soprano; Kathy Kuyper, Deb Bartelt, and Sandy Beukelman, alto; Dave Holstin, Randy Olawsky, and Bob Bamberg, tenor; and Mick Schrank, Steve Beukelman, and Tim Engelland, bass. Swing Choir is accompanied by Bonnie DeBoer on Bass Guitar, Terry Hall on drums, and Laura Vanden Hoek on piano.

Girls Trio is made up of Renee Tecklenburg, soprano, Deb Bartelt, second soprano, and Sandy Beukelman, alto. The Girls Triple Trio consists of Deb Arlt, Pam Engelland, and Renee Tecklenburg, soprano; Karla Beukelman, Cheryl Beukelman, and Deb Bartelt, second soprano; and Bonnie De Boer, Kathy Kuyper, and Sandy Beukelman, alto.

The Boys Octet is comprised of Randy Olawsky, Bob Bamberg, Dave Holstein and Greg Isakson, tenor; and Mick Schrank, Steve Beukelman, Tim Engelland, and Doug Ploster, bass. Those in the Mixed Ensemble are Renee Tecklenburg, and Pam Engelland, soprano; Deb Bartelt and Sandy Beukelman alto; Randy Olawsky and Dave Holstein, tenor; and Steve Beukelman and Tim Engelland, bass.

Solo eliminations were held on the 14th, of January in the school gym. Those chosen are as follows: Renee Tecklenburg and Mona Maunders, soprano; Diane Bordewyk, Karla Beukelman and Denise Markus, mezzo soprano; Phyllis Olawsky and Sandy Beukelman, alto; Randy Olawsky and Greg Isakson, tenor; and Steve Beukelman, Tim Engelland and Mick Schrank, bass. Others tryout out were Bonnie DeBoer, Darcy Bartelt, Kristi Isakson, and Cheryl Bamberg. Those receiving firsts last year who automatically go this year are Pam Engelland, soprano; Deb Arlt and Cheryl Beukelman, second soprano; Deb Bartelt, alto; and Dave Holstein, tenor.

Musicians Try Talent

by Bonnie De Boer

A group of very nervous kids gathered at the Mitchell Senior High on Friday morning, January 9, and began to wait their turn to audition. Students from high schools in the surrounding area were trying out for All-State Band, a

group of selected musicians from schools all across the state. Those attending from CHS were Kathy Kuyper, saxophone; Sandy Beukelman, bass clarinet; and Bonnie De Boer, flute.

Auditions are held in several towns throughout the state by the same group of judges. These tryouts include playing for a judge and also taking a written test of musical terms. Results of the auditions will

Band Members Test Skill

by Steve Bamberg

Another busy year of contests is at hand and one of them is the instrumental contest. The instrumental contest is being held in Platte this year with February 11 being the date to have your piece down good. The band members who will take solos will be Kathy Kuyper, Sandy Beukelman, Renee Tecklenburg, Cheryl Bamberg, Brenda Peters, Vera Hoekman, and Bonnie De Boer. Along with the solos will be quartets, trios, and sextets.

One of the quartets that will be going will be the saxophone quartet which will include Renee Tecklenburg, Sandy Beukelman, Kathy Kuyper, and Barb Peters. The trombone quartet will also be going and that will include Dave Holstein, Stephen Beukelman, Jim Reimnitz, and Bob Bamberg. The last quartet is the clarinet quartet which will include Brenda Peters, Steve Bamberg, Sandy Beukelman, and Pam Engelland.

The trio will be Ivan Brouwer, Cheryl Bamberg, and Connie Everson in the trumpet trio, and Sandy Beukelman, Brenda Peters and Kathy Kuyper in the clarinet trio.

The last instrumental group is the brass sextet with Linda Van Genderen, Ivan Brouwer, Cheryl Bamberg, Vera Hoekman, Steve Beukelman, and Darwin Brouwer playing in it.

not be known until some time in February.

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Students Need Time

by Connie Everson

The buzzer rings and then the rush as 100 kids pour into the narrow hall, each with one thing in mind, getting to their lockers. Then in two short minutes, just 120 seconds, all is supposed to be quiet, an almost impossible feat.

I'll admit maybe at times things may get a little out of hand. But now I feel we deserve another chance, a chance to prove ourselves.

Our request? Another 60 seconds in between classes. As it is now you have hardly time to relieve the call of nature.

Without this extra minute the students of CHS will have to keep in mind the remedies for a cold.

1. Get plenty of rest.
2. Drink lots of fluids.
3. Take asperin to relieve aches and pains
4. Be sure to have a large supply of tissues along or make sure you wear a long sleeved shirt to school.

Walter Attacks CHS

by Tami Hamburg

Usually on Valentines Day we think of big red hearts, candy, cupids, valentine cards and love. Well have you ever really thought of how it would feel to be a cupid? Last year I had the special opportunity to meet the cutest little one named Walter. So after spending the day with him, I thought I would tell you about some of our experiences.

First of all, he thought

Honor Roll Recognizes Academic Achievements

by Bonnie DeBoer

Along with the end of the nine weeks comes the thing either you've been waiting for or you dread with passion--your report card. Report cards in turn lead to the honor roll. In the second quarter the 'B' honor roll included 14 seniors, 5 juniors, 8 sophomores, and 7 freshmen, while five seniors, four juniors, and two sophomores were on the 'A' honor roll.

Those on the 'B' are: D. Groseth, R. Tecklenburg, D. Arlt, P. Engelland, L. Vanden Hoek, L. VanGendren, S. Bamberg, J. Reimnitz, D. Bartelt, D. Eggers, C. Buck, D. Plooster, K. Beukelman, T. VanderPol, seniors; V. Hoekman, T. Hamburg, S. Beukelman, W. Oakland, C. Bultje, juniors; P. Vanden Hoek, E. Vanden Hoek, D. Markus, J. Uilenberg, C. Olivier, S. Groseth, K. Vreugdenhil, L. Noteboom, sophomores; S. Beukelman, C. Everson, R. Drefs, D. Buck, D. King, M. Bormann, C. Bamberg, freshmen.

Those on the 'A' are: R. Olawsky, B. DeBoer, R. Dockendorf, B. Stredde, S. Beukelman, seniors; K. Kuyper, D. Brouwer, C. Beukelman, D. Vreugdenhil, juniors; I. Brouwer, S. Muckey, sophomores.

Those on the 'B' honor roll for the semester are B. Stredde, D. Groseth, S. Beukelman, R. Tecklenburg, D. Arlt, L. VanGendren, J. Reimnitz, S. Bamberg, P. Engelland, D. Eggers, D. Bartelt, L. Vanden Hoek, C. Buck, K. Beukelman, seniors; W. Oakland, T. Hamburg, S. Beukelman, D. Bordewyk, C. Bultje, B. Peters, M. Vanden Hoek, juniors; E. Vanden Hoek, D. Markus, J. Uilenberg, C. Olivier, K. Vreugdenhil, L. Noteboom, P. Olawsky, S. Groseth, J. Bormann, sophomores; C. Everson, D. Buck, R. Drefs, D. King, C. Bamberg, M. Bormann, G. Vanden Hoek, freshmen.

Those on the semester 'A' honor roll are: R. Olawsky, R. Dockendorf, B. DeBoer, seniors; K. Kuyper, D. Brouwer, C. Beukelman, V. Hoekman, D. Vreugdenhil, juniors; I. Brouwer, S. Muckey, P. Vanden Hoek, sophomores; S. Beukelman, freshmen.

the sudden we had the frightening experience of being mugged. This was quite a shock to our systems but we were able to get Walter's bow recovered within a matter of just a few hours.

When the day was just about over, we were slowly decreasing our number of shots because Walter was getting tired (he's just a little fellow, you know). That was about the end of our day and here are a few words of advice for this year...watch out, 'cause Walter's out to getcha!!

the purpose of being a cupid, which, very simply is making people fall in love. Being immortal, Walter has quite a few advantages over us. Not being seen, he could sneak up on people and take them by surprise. He always carries this silly bow and some arrows with him. You may ask, "What's so special about that?" Well.... if you are wounded by an arrow, you may fall in love.

As the day progressed we were having a great time fluttering around shooting a few people. Then all of

Swing Choir Keeps Pace

by Deb Bartelt

The Swing Choir has been kept quite busy the last few weeks. On January 14th they performed two selections for the Co-op meeting held in the school gym. The Swing Choir is presently working on some numbers for the Vocal Contest on February 4. Coming up shortly after the contest, the Swing Choir will take part in the Pops Concert on February 19. Plans are being made as to what actions should be used and if and what outfits we should wear. Also the Swing Choir is planning to have a party in the near future.

Winter Closes School

by Tami Hamburg

Blizzards definitely have their advantages and disadvantages. First we shall dwell on the disadvantages. (1) They clog up roads. (2) People have to work harder because of the clogged roads and (3) You can't go any place. Now for the advantages... (1) You can't go to school, either!! As you can clearly see the advantages out weigh the disadvantages by quite a margin. But in the wee corners of your mind there is a nice, tiny, bass voice asking, if you don't go now, when will you? You can now still that voice because it was decided at the school board meeting of January 12, that school would have to stay in session until May 21st instead of the previous date of May 14th, to make up for the days we miss because of the snow.

So if you are complaining one of these days about

News Bulletin Captures School Life

by Randy Dockendorf

Every so often there comes some item that is too small for a story but is of interest to students at CHS and area schools. Here are some highlights of January and February:

A representative of Mt. Matry College at Yankton dropped by last week to tell us about her school. The seniors also listened to a financial aid broadcast over educational TV. This pretty well wraps up college speakers, and students are asked to apply for scholarships and admission as soon as possible.

Any junior interested in applying for Journalism City (Boys or Girls) is urged to contact Mr. Kruse immediately for more details. A paper staff member probably possesses the needed skills, and acceptance or rejection does not affect the school quota or the applicant's ability to be a regular stater.

Hats off to Curt Graumann for his twentieth straight wrestling win against no losses, and to the matmen on a winning season. Their runner-up trophy is also on display. Don't forget that districts are February 6-7 at Platte, the Wagner regional on the 14th, and the big one, the State Meet at Huron on February 20-21. Good luck, guys!

Music is in the air in February as various contests and concerts are held. Remember the tryouts and crew meetings for "Wizard of Oz" during the week of the 16th. All talent and help are needed. Speaking of musicals, George Romkema, a Corsica High graduate and lead in the "Music Man", is now a lead in the latest SDSU Bicentennial production. Way to go, George!

Seniors lead the honor roll with 19 out of 28 holding a 'B' average or better. Way to go, 76ers.

Don't forget your sweetheart on February 14th! And please be kind to groundhogs during this leap month!

Congratulations to Debby Groseth, Betty Crocker Family Leader for 1976.

Strange things happen at basketball games, especially when a group of DWU students interview CHS coaches and students! The Mt. Vernon game was the research center for the topic "Psychology in Athletics", with one of the researchers being Tiger standout Lynn Frederick, Mr. Hall's cousin. Speaking of Mt. Vernon, who was the mysterious caller on the Bob Van Genderen show?

STICKNEY may have won the CEH tournament, but Chris Belitz of Ethan had the crowds talking as the tourney's only girl manager. It proves it's not WHO you are, but HOW you do your job!

As a final note, the Comets are firing up for District tourney action February 25, 27, and 28 in Wagner, also the host of the Regional March 4-5. If you have any ideas of going to the State 'B' March 11-13 in Sioux Falls, HURRY! Tickets and rooms are at a premium! Good luck in the tourneys, COACH REINESCH and COMETS!!!

having to go to school an extra week, think of the bright side...it's better than Saturdays!

Songs Tell It Like It Is

Groundhog Romance Comes Out Of The Shadows

by Renee Tecklenburg

by Tami Hamburg

Things at CHS have been pretty hectic lately, with Coach Reinesch still trying to get across to the guys that in order to be a Basketball Jones they can't go out and Celebrate every night.

Miss Wagner has been having her problems, too. She zips around on her vacuum cleaner trying to get things lined up for the upcoming musical, but really Mr. John, it wasn't a Pinball Wizard that she had in mind!

Mr. Hall and Mr. Anderson are finding out that Breaking Up Is Hard To Do, and don't want to see us leave them so they're making us go to school an extra week, but that's OK with Mr. Wagner because to him school is Some Kind of Wonderful thing and Mr. Leischner has decided that it's better than going on Saturday because he likes to keep the weekends open for his Squeezebox.

Miss Wollman was thinking about taking up a class next fall called 50 Ways To Leave Your Lover, but after she overheard some talking about The Times of Your Life, she's decided that it may not be necessary.

Mr. Bass is having his doubts about some of the wrestlers and their nose bleeds but has decided that Bad Blood is better than no blood at all.

Mr. Rokusek is still trying to get some Time In A Bottle just to see what his science students would do with it.

While Mr. Graves and Mr. Kruse are still waiting for Saturday Night, Mr. Bartelt is ready to Get Down tonight!

Long, long ago in times before conveniences like hog barns, heat lamps, and sow pellets, pigs lived off the land and words like pork chops and bacon were never heard. Living off the land for these creatures meant inhabiting mud or dirt shelters or merely a hollowed out place in the ground.

Chester was a hog living in this era. Chester was a busy hog because he usually directed all of his energies towards the female species, so much in fact that he had acquired the nickname Cannonball Chester! C. Chester's living quarters was a hollow which was very deep in fact that it resembled a big hole (talk of it since claims it was big enough for trench warfare, for pigmies of course!

Chester was pretty cool so he could usually get a date with any pig he chose except Hermina. Hermina happened to be the most desired gilt in the area, she had complete control of her ears and tail and knew how to move them.

One bright, sunny day as all the hogs were gathering rutabaga roots, re-mudding huts, sweeping out hollows, and scrubbing up the young, the air was filled with a very excited state, for the following day the hogs were going to have a big smash up party. Amidst all the roots and excitement Chester was feeling so good that he decided to attempt to persuade Hermina to go with him to the next day's activities, like he figured even if he was refused he'd get a chance to see Hermina in action. A few minutes later Chester was very baffled as Hermina said she would go with him only if it was a dark, cloudy day.

It just so happened that the next day was cloudy and Cannonball Chester was in action. Chester and Hermina had such a fun time that Hermina proposed marriage and that night in the darkness but all the rest of their days were sunny!

Ah-ha you may ask, "What would have been Chester and Hermina's fate if that day would have been sunny, and why was Hermina against going on a sunny day?" Did the lenses pop out of her Koolrays? Did she blister easy? Or did she just want to take advantage of Cannonball Chester in her own time? These may all be plausible reasons but the main reason was Hermina's true concern and devotion to Chester and she wanted to save her own hide. For Hermina knew that pigmy hog hunters come out on bright sunny days to get hogs like Cannonball Chester and Hot Hermina. Thus every February 2 is dedicated to those ground living hogs of smash up parties and days gone by, if the day is dark, legend is that C. Chester and Hermina and their descendants get together and have a sunny life but if the day is bright the rest of the lives is a long winter of loneliness or a feeling compared to being in a pigmies stomach!

Some may say Groundhog day is a lot of hogwash, but what would you rather be a Cannonball or a hindquarter!

Well, I guess That's The Way we like it, or we would just make a little Convoy and truck on out of here.

Matmen Clip Eagles

by Deb Arlt

Our Comets raised up their record to 6-3 after defeating the Lake Andes Eagles by a score of 45-18 on January 20. Brian Van Genderen, Dave Buck, Fred Weerheim, Todd Vander Pol, Keith Weerheim, Don Schrank, Curt Grauman, and Kent Dockendorf were the Comets having wins against the Eagles. Parent Recognition Night was also held on this night with the lunch being served afterwards.

The Comets have one more individual match against Wessington Springs on January 29. Why don't you come and watch the Comets and cheer them on to Victory? Don't forget that the Districts, Region, and State are next month.

Big Maroon Hands SHS Upset Loss

by Randy Dockendorf

Corsica High made a shambles of the state and conference standings after disposing of ninth ranked and previously undefeated Stickney in a 58-57 thriller in the CHS gym. The win now throws the CBH conference into a four way deadlock among Corsica, Plankinton, Stickney, and White Lake. It is the second year in a row that Corsica has upended the Raiders.

CHS and others have lived in Stickney's shadow this year, but it was Big Maroon's turn on this night. The Comets shocked the visitors by jumping to a ten point margin behind Donn Bordewyk's sniping, and Randy Olawsky's halfcourt shot at the buzzer

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raised the hosts to an 18-10 lead. Stickney fought to within one, 24-23, only to see Big Maroon rise to the occasion and hit seven unanswered points and maintain a 31-23 bulge at intermission. Hoping it was just a bad dream, the Raiders came out of the dressing room only to run into a defense that wouldn't budge.

While the struggle was on, Stickney's catch-up and Corsica's harassing defense were creating plenty of foul problems. Mark Noteboom's exit left Corsica's defense of Darwin and Ivan Brouwer on Doug Odens in the center off balance. Before Stickney could take advantage of this opportunity, Calvin Helmus retired to the bench with five and Coach Reinesch's wheels of strategy were rolling. Corsica froze the ball for three minutes of the final quarter, while Scott Muckey, Randy Olawsky, and Terry Hall worked it around the outside and hit the key shot or drew the foul. While Stickney used the free throw line to stay in the game, the charity stripe proved friendliest to CHS. Terry Hall sank the first end of a crucial one-and-one with 42 seconds to go, and swished both ends of a pressure-packed one-and-one with only seven ticks on the clock to ice the victory and set off a mad celebration on the floor.

Randy Olawsky and Donn Bordewyk led the clutch 43% offense with 17 and 10 big markers, while the 26 rebounds were a team effort. The biggest tribute to Big Defense was Stickney's 25 turnovers to our 11.

The Big Maroon Comets of Corsica High now enter the

second half of their title defense tonight at Artesian and need all the support you can give them, so show your Spirit of '76 for our guys! After all, we always knew they were Number One!

Pittsburgh Lowers Steel Curtain

by Randy Olawsky

LeeRay Jordan, the middle linebacker for the Dallas Cowboys, thought if they could keep Franco Harris under 100 yards they would come off the field as Super Bowl Champs.

Dallas did keep Franco under 100 yards, but could not contain the run as well as they had expected. Pittsburgh rambled through the line for six and seven yards too often, and could then pass or run.

Dallas's defensive unit played fairly well throughout the entire game, but Pittsburgh's Roy Gerela really helped them out by having an inaccurate right foot.

Dallas became conservative over their three point halftime lead, while the Steelers kept pounding away. Finally, something gave in. Reggie Harrison blocked a Dallas punt out of the end zone for a safety. That one play changed the whole atmosphere of the game. It cost Dallas five points and put Pittsburgh in the lead for good. Dallas fought back, but could only watch their hopes of being Super Bowl Champions go down the drain.

WOODEN SHOE
LIKE TO BEAT
DAKOTA CHRISTIAN?

District 27 Pairings Set

by Randy Dockendorf

Drawing were held this past week for the District 27 tournament to be held February 25, and 27-28 in the new Wagner auditorium. Stickney is the defending district and regional champion, but any team is capable of walking away with the trophy.

On Wednesday, February 25 Dakota Christian squares off with Corsica in the 7:30 opener, with the winner advancing against Stickney in the 7:00 semifinal tipoff. White Lake tangles with Plankinton in the 8:30 nightcap. Consolation and championship battles are set for Saturday night.

Regional play resumes in Wagner March 4-5, and the Region Seven champs face the Region Eight kingpins (West River) in the opening round of the State 'B' tourney.

Comets Grab CBH Trophy

by Deb Arlt

The Comets started the month with a match against the Mt. Vernon Mustangs. The Comets pulled off a win by the score of 37-27. Those having wins were: Brian Van Genderen, Dave Buck, Fred Weerheim, Don Schrank, Curt Graumann, Kent Dockendorf, and Bob Bamberg.

The next match took place at Wagner on January 13. The Comets took a fall with a score of 17-34. The Comets put up a good fight, and those having pins were: Brian Van Genderen, Fred Weerheim, Keith Weerheim, and Curt Graumann.

Having taken a fall the Comets fought all the harder to beat the Kimball Kiotes

by an outstanding score of 45-15. Comets who won were Brian Van Genderen, Dave Buck, Fred Weerheim, Keith Weerheim, Don Schrank, Mick Schrank, Curt Graumann, Kent Dockendorf, and Bob Bamberg.

Then it was on to Mt. Vernon for the Mt. Vernon Invitation Wrestling Tourney. Comets won their first trophy by placing second. White Lake took first with a score of 125 and the Comets followed with a score of 107½. Comets had ten men place at the Tourney, who are as follows: Brian Van Genderen, Don Schrank, and Curt Graumann, first; Bob Bamberg, second; Dave Buck, Fred Weerheim, Keith Weerheim, and Mick Schrank, third; Todd Vander Pol, and Kent Dockendorf, fourth.

CHS Splits Holiday Set

by Kathy Kuyper

The Comets fell to the Platte Black Panthers by a score of 63-51. At half-time the game was hopeful--the Panthers being only a mere two points ahead, and led by three points at the end of the third quarter. The Comets couldn't check in the extra points needed and at the end of the fourth period suffered defeat. D. Brouwer and R. Olawsky made 21 and 12 points respectively.

Traveling to Stickney for the Holiday Doubleheader, the Corsica ballplayers smashed Alpena. The Comets held a good lead through the game ending it with a glorious 72-50 score. L. Groeneweg and R. Olawsky, both with 16 points each, were followed by D. Brouwer with 11.

The CBH Tourney was short lived for the Comets with

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the meeting of the Plankinton Pirates. At half-time the score was Plank: 27 Corsica: 23; however, the Comets didn't fare so well in the second half as revealed by the final score of: They-52, Us-45. Two men in double figures were D. Brouwer with 15 and R. Olawsky with 12.

The proud Comets chalked up another victory, this time against Mt. Vernon. Corsica took a big lead in the first half. During the second half, the Mustangs kept knocking the margin down but without success, as the game ended in a Comet victory 58-54. R. Olawsky had 19 points while Terry Hall shot in 11 points.

Corsica traveled to the new Wagner gym for a non-conference game, but came out a 66-46 loser. The Comets held a two point lead just before halftime, but couldn't keep up with the Raiders in the second half. I. Brouwer led the Comets with 13 points.

'B' Tickets Put On Sale

Mail orders for reserved seat tickets to the State 'B' tournament should be addressed to: SDHSAA, Box 1217, Pierre, South Dakota 57501. All orders received on or before February 6, 1976 will be placed in a container and will be filled by lot. Orders received after February 6 will be placed in a second drawing, provided there are tickets remaining.

Reserved tickets for the 'B' will cost \$15.00 and a maximum of two tickets per order will be accepted, with student tickets sold only through respective schools.

There will be no seventh place game, as the consolation game starts a triple session at 5:30 Saturday.

Fearless Forecaster Faces Final Challenge

by Randy Dockendorf

Corsica High School is putting in a heavy schedule of roundball as they wind up the 1975-76 campaign for another year. This does not mean the final stretch will be any less interesting, and some promising basketball lies ahead for Big Maroon. For the year I am 11-6 at this writing, and I now devote my final prediction column with these forecasts:

Geddes comes to town to open February's schedule, but the Rams have been on a sub-par performance this year. It has been quite a spell since the last Geddes win over CHS, and tonight should be no exception . . .CORSIKA.

Ethan's Rustlers had to be the surprise of the CBH tournament, but have been up and down this season. Although Tom Miller uses a girl student manager, even that strategy may not get his team over the top. The battle of the Maroon and White goes to . . .CORSIKA.

A long road trip awaits our Comets as they must travel to Andes Central for their next encounter. Donn Bordewyk will face up to cousin Mark Stedronsky, and that is sure to add fuel to an already even match. It won't be the Eagles who are high-flying tonight . . .CORSIKA.

Corsica blasted Letcher off the floor last year, but the Tigers pulled off a pretty good performance against Plankinton in the CBH Tourney and could be one to reckon with. Even so, guess who's going to have a tiger by the tail in this one? . . .CORSIKA.

Amidst all the roar over a new gym down in Packerland, Corsica High is still scheduled to visit Armour on a floor that has a deadly tradition for visitors. Marred only by Dakota Christian, the obvious winner here should be Armour, right? I can give you three reasons opposing it: (1) we mauled them last year, (2) we handled them as a 'B' team, and (3) you didn't actually expect me to pick Armour, did you? An upset special for . . .CORSIKA.

The regular 1976 season ends with Parent Recognition Night against Plankinton, and everybody knows CHS has not lost a Parents Night yet. Comet fans still remember the scare the Pirates received on their own floor, and the way Roy Wilson was contained. I'm just enough tradition-bound to believe the Pirates will be the ones to walk the plank, while the pre-tourney victory belongs to . . .CORSIKA.

At this time of the year I usually wipe off my crystal ball and peer into tournament action. My crystal must be cloudy, for Region Seven is a muddle of powerhouses and waiting upsetters. District 27 should be a wild affair but Dan Moran and his Stickney Raiders will prevail after being hounded by a pack of contenders, to be joined in region play by Marty or Tyndall, St. Francis, and Platte. Freeman will be hard pressed to repeat, and the nod could go to Hamlin, Sioux Valley, Bridgewater or Parker.

This column ends my high school forecasting, and I probably made some enemies as well as be right, but it was all in fun. Good luck to the successor, and no matter who your favorite is, enjoy the games and may the best team win!

TERMS GIVEN NEW MEANING

As basketball season draws to a close and tournament fever strikes, we would like to offer a modified version of a previous article. This will be an enriching experience for you vets, and for the rookies we use the old CHS rule: WHEN IN DOUBT, FAKE 'EM OUT!

Team player-a player who passes the ball to me.

Ball Hog-a player who wants me to throw the ball to him.

Monster-a player half an inch or more taller than me.

Little man-a player who is shorter than me.

Referee-a blind idiot, with an unreasoning hatred for me.

Defensive star-a player who can't shoot.

Playmaker - everybody's friend (with a 2.4 point average per game.)

Bad Pass-a pass that is thrown to me and I fumble it.

Fumble-another player's muff of my perfect pass.

Switch-what you holler on defensive when you have no idea where your man is.

Help Out-when I leave my man unguarded to get in the way of my teammate guarding the pivot man.

Clog the middle-two players helping out at once.

Good Shot-any shot I can get off.

Bad Shot-shot taken by a teammate.

Crazy Shot-basket made by the man I'm guarding.

Crybaby-opposing player who complains to the referee

Jumpball-a holding foul by the defense the ref blew

Traveling-the referee's way of getting even.

Coach-a tormented psychotic who asks for miracles

Cross-Court Pass-a leer at the blonde cheerleader

Do they sound familiar?

Coaches Offer Views On District 27 Race

by Coach Butch Reinesch

Predictions made in midseason concerning a district tournament are as meaningful as a team's record when it comes district time, this meaning that it isn't too reliable. When it comes district time it's a whole new season with past records meaning nothing. The complexion of a team, their attitudes, morale, and the players themselves change so much in the second half of the season compared to the first that it makes it very exciting knowing that anyone from the undefeated to the winless can win at district time.

Right now Stickney would have to be favored because of their 12-1 record and their personnel, but Plankinton and Dakota Christian are also carrying impressive records. White Lake and Corsica have the capabilities to beat any of them on the right night, so District 27 should be very close, balanced, and exciting. My summation of the teams is as follows:

STICKNEY: The Raiders have Doug Odens, but everyone overlooks his strong supporting cast. They are fundamentally sound and don't make costly turnover. More important than anything is that they will come into the tourney with tradition, confidence, and poise which will take a superlative effort to beat. **DAKOTA CHRISTIAN:** Big, strong, and capable. If they can hold early season form and keep it together they will definitely be a contender. **PLANKINTON:** Two fine ballplayers in Roy Wilson and Rick Hohn, but it takes five to play the game. If the rest of the team can pick up some momentum and develop to help the other two watch out for the Pirates. **WHITE LAKE:** The Indians started out strong and hit a mild slump. If they can come back to early season form and score consistently they'll play ball with anyone.

CORSICA: WE'RE COMING! We're starting to forget our horrible start and are gaining confidence with what we're doing. As of yet we still haven't put it all together, but the time for that is in February. Our strong point is that our bench is the best in the tourney. We have eight people that can score and fill in for each other amiable. Weaknesses will be tournament experience as Randy Olawsky is the only player to have any playing experience at all and consistence. To win a tournament you have to play four solid quarters of good basketball in every game to win. You have to peak offensively and defensively at the same time and put it all together. Our desire, enthusiasm, and willingness to play together if possessed by all eight guys are going to say a lot about who wins the District 27 tournament.

by Coach Dan Moran, Stickney High

In answer to your questions, I feel the overall strength of the district is as balanced as it has been since I've been at Stickney. We feel our team is as capable as any in the district, but will have to play well in order to win the championship. We feel our strong points would have to be our size and speed, and our weakness would have to be our defense. I'm sure that each of the schools in the district feels confident that their team will be victorious, and we at Stickney would have to feel that way about ours. I hope the tournament proves to be as exciting as it usually does for the benefit of all. Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinions in "The Comet".

DISTRICT WRESTLING - PLATTE

Feb. 6 10 am Feb 7 1 pm 7 pm

DISTRICT BASKETBALL - WAGNER

Feb 25 7:30 DCHS vs CHS
Feb 27 semis 28 finals 7:00-8:30

FEBRUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 BB Geddes Home	4 Vocal Music Contest Wagner	5	6 BB Ethan Home. District Wrestling-	7 Platte
8	9 School Board Meeting	10 BB Andes Central There	11 Dismissed at 2:30 Instrumental Contest Platte	12	13 BB Letcher There	14 Valentine's Day ♡ ♡ ♡
15	16	17 BB Armour There	18	19 Pops Concert	20 BB Plankinton Home	21
22	23 Assembly Program 1:00	24 BB - Districts at Wagner	25	26 B.B. Districts	27	28
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by K. B. & B. D.

Seat Belts Do Save
Lives BUT Only If
They Are Used!



