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Change might be for the worse

by Kris Bordewyk

For South Dakota students, next fall will mark the beginning of students returning to the classrooms after Labor Day.

Election Day, November 6, 1984, after a close vote, South Dakota voters chose to have their schools open after Labor Day. It was early December before the results were known, due to a recount and a precinct reporting their votes late.

A number of interest groups, but mainly the Dept. of Tourism, were backers of the issue. The Dept. of Tourism feels the late school start will help their business.

Dallas Preheim, CHS Guidance Counselor, feels the late start will create problems. "At present I don't see any benefits myself," said Preheim. "I foresee more problems and more things to work around."

Starting after Labor

Day means Corsica's school will be let out in June instead of May because Corsica is on a 190-day calendar. School districts have the option of a 190-day calendar or a 175 day calendar.

For those schools on the 190-day calendar the number of days in session is found by subtracting the legal days of discontinuance from 190. The legal days of discontinuance include SDEA, Veteran's Day, Memorial Day, and other holidays.

The 175-day calendar requires the school to be in session 175 days. It would be possible to let school out in May using this calendar, but the school would have shortened vacations and no dismissals due to weather.

Preheim anticipates that the attendance rate of Corsica's students will be lower in the spring. "...being a small agriculture community we rely

on farmers," said Preheim. "In the spring kids are really needed on the farm, more so than fall."

The sports schedule will not change, but those in girls basketball and football will have to be at school practicing a couple of weeks before the first day of school.

Preheim stated, "Overall, I would like to see the decision of the school calendar left to the local school board of education and community. . . our needs here are certainly different than Rapid City."

Vern DeGeest, CHS superintendent, and Preheim agree that a number of the voters did not realize if the schools were to start late, they would be let out later in the spring.

"The people have rendered their decision," Preheim said, "and our job is to live with it and work with it."



Despite Wagner's defense, Jason Broughton drives in the lane for a basket. Corsica lost 50-44.

New law will cause changes in school year

EDITORIAL

by Kris Bordewyk

Going back to school next fall will take on a new meaning for Corsica's students. For the first time in a number of years, the student body will return to the classrooms after Labor Day.

Starting after Labor Day will require Corsica to dismiss school in June. The Dept. of Tourism feels the late start will improve their industry. The late start also means that they won't have the tourists, or high school workers as early in the spring.

We, the Forum's staff, feel the late start will create more problems than it will solve. The 1985-86 sports schedule will not change, but it's inevitable that within the next couple of years it will.

Many of the students will miss more school in the spring because they are needed on the farms.

In a few years Labor Day will fall on the 8th of September. This will put the school's dismissal date two or three weeks into June.

Maybe a number of the voters were unaware that a late school start means a late dismissal. The fault lies with the voters who didn't ask what the new law would entail. It also lies with the media and backers of the issue for not informing the public exactly what would happen if the issue passed.

The decision has been made by the people. The ball is now in our court to abide by the law and to make the best of it.

Denise Wahlert chosen as page

by Deb Olivier

Denise Wahlert is just one of thirty-seven other seniors who have been chosen to be pages for the state of South Dakota. On January 6, pages from all over the state gathered in Pierre to begin their experience of being a part of the State Legislature.

The duties of a page include answering telephone calls and running elevators. While on the floor Denise will make sure that everything is in place on Ralph Homan's desk, the legislator to which she has been assigned. She will also assist Mr. Homan by running errands and delivering bills, journals, and bill status reports to him. Denise will be working with the House of Representatives.

Denise was recommended by Social Sciences teacher, Tim Hagedorn. She then sent in an application and, after it was reviewed, was chosen as a page.



Denise Wahlert will serve as Legislative Page.

"It will be a fun and learning experience and I will be taking on a lot of new responsibilities," Denise commented. "It will be very interesting learning how the

state government works."

Denise will be staying with a host family and rooming with three other girls. She will return home on January 25.

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