



Patrolman Grovenberg and Darrel Vanden Hoek

Safety Council Member Interviews State Highway Patrolman

February 16, Darrell Vanden Hoek, a CHS Safety Council member, rode with Al Grovenberg, State Highway Patrolman, on patrol. The reason for this was to ask Patrolman Grovenberg various questions dealing with safety and how being a patrolman affects his life.

Some of the questions asked were:

1. How does being a patrolman affect your life socially? "I really don't have much of a social life. It has slowed me down some. My family is shunned some. My wife and I enjoy working with young people in the church."

2. Do you ever become shaky when you come upon an accident? Does it become routine? "Its never routine! Some people feel it does but it's never pleasant taking, crushed, broken bodies out of cars. I never get used to it because its part of my job."

3. Do you ever have a problem with drugs? "Only one problem in the County. Managed to get him nailed on three different accounts

of pushing marijuana. The County Sheriff, Stan Rietvelt, is very efficient in cases such as these."

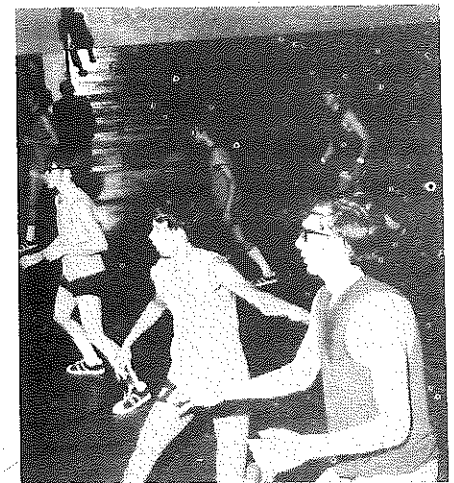
4. Do you ever have problems with drinking drivers? "Yes, the youngest was 12 years old. The oldest was in the 70's There aren't a lot of problems with intoxicated drivers, maybe three or four a year."

5. What violations of the law are most frequent? "Speeding!" Why? "Well, each year cars are made bigger and better and the people have so many things to attend, their minds aren't on driving."

6. Did you always want to be a patrolman? "I never wanted to be a patrolman. The idea came when I ran across an accident involving a close friend who was killed. Three highway patrolmen helped to remove my friend from the wreck. I decided if I could help prevent just one accident similar to this one from

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COMETS PRACTICE FOR DISTRICT PLAY



Pictured Above, Comet Players

The Corsica Comets are looking forward to district tournaments. The Comets drew a bye, therefore, they will be playing their first game with the winner of the White Lake Plankinton game on Thursday night February 24, in the Chamberlain Armory.

The Comets have a record of 16-4, losing twice to Armour and to both Plankinton and Lake Andes last week. The Comets won the conference tournament at Stickney earlier in the season and are now hoping to win the district. The Comets have never won a district tournament and we feel we have one of the best chances we have ever had this year.

We will be counting on your support and presence at the games to fire-up the guys and take us to the top.

Congratulations Music Department on the numerous
firsts received at Contest.

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS

Once every year all the high schools in South Dakota are afflicted by a strange malady. There is a general tension throughout the student body, the coach gets short-tempered, and teachers notice a general lack of seriousness to study. Signs begin appearing all over the school as everybody gets down to the final preparations for the basketball tournament. The strange "illness" is "Tournament Fever", and the only treatment is to let it run its course.

This year Corsica High has a harder case of the fever than in many years past, as we approach the tournament as one of the favorites. This shows the effect of hard practice and dedication on the part of players and coach. We are not blessed with exceptional talent here in Corsica, but we have some of the hardest working and most dedicated boys I have ever seen. They certainly deserve the credit for our successful year.

District 27 starts for us Thursday night, and win or lose, we should all congratulate the team for the spirit shown and hard work they have done all year. Let's all get behind them and see if we can't cheer them to victory. That is the best cure for "Tournament Fever" known--to win it all!

*appreciate
what you
have before
it's gone*

HAVE YOU NOTICED ?

How many students in this school realize just how great it is? We are rated very high in many people's opinion. We have a fantastic athletic department, drama department, music department and several other fine groups. Our faculty is very good and I feel that they really care about us, the students of CHS. Sure, we could use lots of improvements, but even the best things can be improved. We often complain about things in school, but we're all very lucky to be here. Many students in larger communities don't have the opportunities we do. We have parents who are involved and active in groups and activities to help us. People are concerned about us and want us to be a truly great school. Do you appreciate the opportunities you are given and the things people have done for you? I certainly hope so! If not, look around you and be grateful for what you have, it's really pretty good. Right? J.H.

BOUGHT A LEG BRACE LATELY?

No, probably not but everything on everyone's shopping list is driving our cost of living upward. So what else is new? Well, consider some rising costs in a specialized field directly affecting this community. Have you priced a leg or arm brace lately? Or an artificial limb? A whirlpool bath? Again, probably not. The average high school teenager hasn't but it could happen to any one of us.

The people at our South Dakota Easter Seal Society know about the cost of these and other types of equipment required for the rehabilitation of the crippled and they'll tell you that prices have gone up. In many instances, way up!

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THE COMET

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Easter Seals
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Ten years ago a pair of tripod crutches for a child cost approximately \$20.00. Today the average price is nearer \$30.00. A wheelchair for a child was around \$150.00. Today, \$200.00 and up.

Why are rising cost of rehabilitation services for the crippled child and adult of special concern at this time? Of course, it's a matter of year-round concern. But right now South Dakota's Easter Seal Society has underway its annual appeal for funds to support its programs and services essential to the rehabilitation of the crippled of this community.

By giving of our Teen support to this campaign, citizens will be helping us to strengthen the capacity of the Easter Seal Society to meet the pressing needs of growing numbers of the handicapped in this area.

The Easter Seal appeal extends to April 2. It offers each of us an opportunity to help a qualified agency in his work of providing the handicapped with a chance for a fuller life.

How about a helping hand from you? Volunteer your help now—don't make us ask for it!

ALARM wins again

by Mary Hoekman

This morning at the abominably early hour of 7:30 I was startled out of a deep and gratifying sleep by a hideously, repelling, tingling sound. My subconscious began to work its way up out of the darkness of my rested mind to investigate the matter.

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Vocal Contest Results Satisfactory

Wednesday, February 2, the Corsica vocal contestants left for the Kimball Regional music contest. At the contest they received seven first division ratings, six second division ratings and two third ratings.

"Superior" winners were: Joanne Hoekstra, soprano; Janice Brink, mezzo soprano; George Romkema, bass; Mixed Vocal Ensemble; Girls Triple Trio; Boys Quartet and the Swing Choir.

Those who received "Excellent" ratings were: Dan Noteboom, Dan Everson, and Doug Brink, bass; Dwight

INSTRUMENTALISTS COMPETE

Wednesday, February 9th, the High School Instrumentalists of Corsica rose early to leave at seven o'clock in the morning for Lake Andes. It was the day for our Instrumental Music Contest.

The day turned out to be quite satisfactory and not as hectic as the vocal contest at Kimball had been. Our schedule was lighter than the previous contest, but the snow proved to be a threat all day.

The ratings received by the contestants were as follows:

Flute-solo, Marcia Vanden Hoek II.

Clarinet - solo, Lindi Gruenewald I.

Baritone-solo, Faye Menning I.

Trumpet trio, Janice Brink, Mary Van Roekel, Doug Brink II.

Clarinet quartet, Lindi Gruenewald, Londa Gruenewald, Nancy Scholten, Sandy Beukelman II.

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Beukelman, baritone; Cindy Arlt, soprano and the Madrigal Group.

Ginger Schrank, alto and Chuck Holstein, tenor received "Good" ratings.

Members of the groups are as follows:

Mixed Vocal—Jeanne Hoekstra, Cindy Arlt, Bev Zwart, Ginger Schrank, Janice Brink, Marcia Vanden Hoek, Chuck Holstein, George Romkema and Doug Brink.

Triple Trio—Marcia Vanden Hoek, Lonnie Van Zee, Donna Sprecher, Ginger Schrank, Bev Zwart, Mary Van Roekel, Jeanne Hoekstra, Cindy Arlt and Janice Brink.

Boys Quartet—Dwight Beukelman, Chuck Holstein, Doug Brink and George Romkema.

Swing Choir—Cindy Arlt, Jeanne Hoekstra, Faye Menning, Marcia Vanden Hoek, Lonnie Van Zee, Donna Sprecher, Janice Brink, Ginger Schrank, Chuck Holstein, Doug Kredit, Darrell Vanden Hoek, George Romkema, Dan Noteboom, Doug Brink, Dwight Beukelman, Bev Zwart on piano and Dan Everson with the bass viol.

Madrigal Group—Cindy Arlt, Jeanne Hoekstra, Bev Zwart, Janice Brink, Marcia Vanden Hoek, Donna Sprecher, Lonnie Van Zee, Ginger Schrank, Chuck Holstein, Bruce Zomer, Kevin Van Genderin, Darrell Vanden Hoek, Doug Kredit, Doug Brink, Dan Everson, Dan Noteboom, and George Romkema.

The two accompanists for the soloists and groups were Faye Menning and Bev Zwart.

Corsica's contestants, under the direction of Mr. Fred Matamoros ranked third high among the 27 high schools attending.

Prom plans in progress

The Junior class has decided on the date May 12, for their Prom. At 6:30 the supper will be held along with a program. The swing choir will sing "Love Story," which is the theme for the dance. The rest of the program is being planned. The dance starts at 9:00.

Committees have been appointed with class officers as chairmen. They are as follows:

FILM

PRESENTED

On February 16, the students of CHS gathered in the gym where they were presented with the film, "Wheels of Tragedy".

The film lasted about a half an hour. But in that time the 180 students that were assembled witnessed more automobile accidents than most people do in a lifetime.

Some of the accidents involved carbon monoxide poisoning, highway hypnosis, speeding and plain carelessness.

The film took us on a journey with a young patrolman just starting his career. We experienced much the same feeling he must have felt at the first sight of an accident, picking up the mangled bodies and telling the heartbreaking news to the relatives of those involved. The goriness of the film made some people look away at times. We hope this film will make every student and teacher realize accidents not only happen to the other guy, but also to YOU!

Food:

Bev Mulder, Lonnie Van Roekal, Lois Groen, Shirley Rus, Phyllis V.D.H.

Program:

Darrell V.D.H., Tom Eggers, Nelson V.D.H., Bev Zwart, Renee Bye

Decoration:

Russell Metzger, Jean Hoekstra, Donna Sprecher, Marcia V.D.H., Jerry Dykstra

So far we have the decorations decided on and sent for, and we have a singing group. The "Symphonians," from the University of South Dakota will sing.

assembly to be given

Featuring live hunting birds and falconry equipment, Mr. Chuck Bindner will appear at Corsica on March 3 at 9:15 o'clock for K-12.

The program is entitled, "Birds of Prey", and deals with our declining raptors, the hawks, owls and eagles. Mr. Bindner of Phoenix, Ariz. has had vast experience in the birds of prey field, having conducted extensive research programs. He has received many awards, such as the Audubon Society award for "Meritorious Service to Conservation Education in Schools." This award was given to Mr. Bindner for his work with the United States national bird, the "Bald Eagle." In 1962 Mr. Bindner was granted the only permit by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to carry a live Bald Eagle, hoping that every American would come to know his national bird better.

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happening I'd give it a try and here I am!"
7. Do people ever expect favors? "Not really. Oh, some do but most don't take advantage of my friendship. I'm really grateful for that."

Patrolman Grovenberg has been a State Patrolman for five and one half years, five of which he was stationed at Douglas County. In March he will be moving to Madison, S. Dak.

By publishing this article we hope each person who reads this will become more safety concious and give the law enforcers a break. Obey traffic laws and drive as if your life depended upon it. It does!

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"Birds of Prey" is a most unusual program and the only one that features all predator birds alive and on stage. It takes hours of patient work just to train the birds to accept the audience. Mr. Bindner will point out the fact that falcons and other birds of prey, including owls, hawks and eagles, are much misunderstood today and have little chance. The only program with a live bald eagle and a golden eagle, it contains all the elements of education and some of the most beautiful creatures alive today.

The arrangements for Mr. Chuck Bindner have been made by the University of Minnesota Program Service, a Division of the Department of Concerts and Lectures.

fire-up
COMETS!

COACH ZOSS COMMENTS ON SEASON

The Comet wrestling season has come to a close. We ended with the record of 2 wins and 12 losses. Several of the wrestlers had excellent records. Some of the top ones were:

Jim Buck - 15 wins, 4 losses.

Kevin Van Genderen - 9 wins, 3 losses, and 1 tie.

Rod Schrank - 13 wins, and 1 loss.

Coach Zoss comments that he is looking forward to a promising season next year although we'll miss Rod. However, there are several good 8th graders coming up that look promising and may prove to be winners.

An extra feature of the wrestling team next year will be the addition of wrestling cheerleaders.

mat men wrestle in regional

The wrestlers took part in the region 3 tournament at Wagner. The first round Corsica advanced 4 wrestlers, Jim Buck, who pinned his opponent, Curt Grauman who also got a pin, Dale Weerheim who also got a pin, and Randy Olivier who received a bye.

In the second round, Jim Buck was the only one who stayed in but lost in the semi-finals. Jim also was beaten in an attempt to win in the wrestle-backs, so received 5th place in region 3.



Comets fall to Armour, Plankinton & Lake Andes

Corsica fell to Armour 56-58 in a game that could have gone either way. The lead changed hands all through the game, but Corsica fell short by two points.

Corsica was also victim of the Plankinton Pirates who beat 73 to 65. This loss hurt Corsica more than the others because it was a conference game. The Comets hope to restore their conference title by taking on Stickney Friday.

Following last Friday's game, Corsica moved down to Andes Central on Saturday night and again suffered a loss, 62 to 49. It was a close game. The first quar-

ter the Comets led by 2 and at halftime the game was tied 25-25. After the half, Corsica fell short and the game ended 62-49.

Randy Jendersee was in double figures all three games and averaged 11 rebounds. Tom Eggers had an 11-point average the first two games, and Elwood Vanden Berge had 10 the three games.

Corsica's B-team also suffered three losses--to Armour, 40-35; Plankinton, 43-33; and Andes, 42-35.

Mike Noteboom led the B team with a 20-point average for the three games, and Bruce Zomer had an 8-point average.

COMETS WIN CO-CHAMPIONSHIP

The last seasonal, conference game was won Friday night by Corsica defeating Stickney 57 to 48. The win resulted in a conference tie between Corsica and White Lake, both teams ended the season with one loss in conference play.

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record stands at 16 and 4, finished with two conference trophies--champions of the conference tournament and co-champions of conference play. The Comets hope to continue their trophy collection by winning their first district tournament and various succeeding tournaments.

During the final conference play, talented Randy Jendersee led both teams in scoring with a total of 23 points. He also pulled down 11 rebounds. Elwood Vanden Berge, who is recovering from illness, dumped in 11 points and pulled down 11 rebounds.

WE'RE BEHIND YOU --
LETS WIN THE DISTRICT!

"BE MY VALENTINE!"

Valentine's Day is over and you haven't received a valentine or box of candy from your special someone. You wonder how he could ever forget such a day. You were looking forward to it so much and nothing had happened.

The next day you came to school and your friends told you what they got for Valentine's Day and ask what you got. You don't exactly know what to say so you start making up excuses. You say something in the order of, "He said it hasn't come yet," or "I haven't seen him since Friday night, so he hasn't had a chance to give it to me." Your friends just smile and say, "Oh" and start talking about something else. You know that they don't believe you and you can feel your face turning red because you are so embarrassed and hurt.

On Valentine's Day night, you have the feeling that maybe it will be a special evening together. When you are getting ready, you wonder what you are supposed to wear. He didn't tell you, so you put on something dressy. After he comes and gets you, you discover that it is going to be just another usual night--doing nothing. This makes you very disappointed and your patience is beginning to wear thin.

The practice among the younger children is to give valentines to their whole class. Before Valentine's Day, you see that this one certain classmate has been showing some interest in you, because he is always looking at you or doing something to help you. You cannot wait until Valentine's Day to see what kind of valentine he would give

you. When the day comes, you open his valentine first to see what it says. You are very disappointed because it is just a simple one saying "Be my valentine." You receive those from all the rest of your classmates too and they hadn't showed that much interest in you. You are so disappointed, you are at the point of anger.

If you are one of these people, I would like to tell you to cheer up, it isn't all that bad. He may be saving it for another occasion, such as your birthday or Christmas. He may also think that you don't have to be told to be his valentine, he may think you already know that. Remember that there are more Valentine Days coming up. So cheer up my friend and "BE MY VALENTINE!"

WASHINGTON HONORED

by Marilyn Gerlach

George Washington is considered the 'father' of the United States. Whether engraved on a postage stamp or carved on a mountainside his calm expression is known to every American. His character and deeds are best remembered to lovers of freedom. Washington led a desperate struggle for independence, freeing the colonies, unifying the first people's republic, and help mold our Constitution. Becoming our first president, he set an example for governing a free world. He's the greatest of great Americans, who has become an almost legendary figure. He's considered best no matter what.

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EASTER SEASON

BEGINS

by Dorothy Spaans

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. It was so called because of the ceremonial use of ashes as a symbol of penitence in the service for the day. It first was confined to those engaged in public penance, which ended at Easter. In the Roman Catholic Church, ashes from the previous year's Palm Sunday palms are placed by the priest on the foreheads of the devout, marking the sign of the cross with his thumb. Protestant reformers abandoned the ceremony. In England, commination was substituted for it. It was a series of curses pronounced upon sins. Such churches as the Anglican, Greek, Roman and many others have services for Ash Wednesday and the Litany.

Lent is the original fast of spring which preceded Easter. It was a 40 hour duration which represents the number of hours that took place between the death and resurrection of Christ. Additional days were added, usually six or seven weeks, but none exceeded 36 fasting days.

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George was great and powerful, but most his justice was strong. He was indeed in every sense of the words, a wise, a good and a great man. The history of the world gives no other better example.

George Washington, the brave, the wise, the good, the father of nation's and the friend of mankind he was. We were truly first in his heart, so why don't we Americans truly take February 21, Washington's Day.

CHS STUDENTS SEE FILM

The morning of February 18, at 8:45 a.m., the film "In The Crash" was shown to the students of C.H.S. and faculty. It was sponsored by Kemper Insurance Company.

It consisted of showing various safety devices on cars and how they can prevent serious injuries and save lives in an accident. Some of these devices were: Air bags, protective windshields, break away poles, chained retings, head rests, shock-absorbing guard rails, steering columns, bumpers, and different types of railing on bridges, interstates and highways.

As members of the Safety Council we feel that if people would recommend to their legislature the actual need of more safety equipped cars, and trucks many lives could be saved.

Also shown was a fire safety film sponsored by our local fire department. It dealt with the planning of a fire escape plan for your home.

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Brass quartet, Mary Van Roekel, Janice Brink, Doug Brink, Jeanne Hoekstra II.

Congratulations, to all those who represented our school in the contest and to Mr. Fred Eitemiller, for a job well done.

REMEMBER--it's
mid-term so
keep studying!

HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THE DEATH RATE?

On the test given by the CHS Safety Council, the following question was asked of all the students. Here is the question and a few of the answers:

"Please give your opinion as to how the accident rate which kills 54,800 each year can be reduced."

Lois Kennedy- If there was a way to tell "everybody" about driving maybe there'd be fewer accidents. It depends too, if the driver wants to know and learn how to drive safely.

Brent Uilenberg- If everyone would reduce their speed and use all safety devices installed in cars.

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Alarm Clocks

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Like a flash my brain realized what was happening and said to my subconscious self, "Self, this is no way to act, don't bother about that stupid noise." "Ignore it and it will go away!"

"Oh, yes," said my subconscious self, "I'll ignore it," it then settled back to rest.

That crazy little black box had other ideas though, it knew its job and it was going to do it. So, then with an obstinacy unknown to any mortal it continued its loud harassment of my mind. The battle raged fast and furiously for several long minutes, then, silence. Once again justice had prevailed.

(That *alarm clock won again.)

Sam Reimnitz- I feel lowering the level of intoxication for drivers will help.

Tom Eggers- putting smaller engines in cars.

Lonnie Van Roekel- By making punishment of violators more severe. Making a law that all safety devices must be used on the vehicle.

Londa Bosma- All people should have to wear seat belts if they want to drive. How can you trust them with your life if they don't care enough about their own life?

Margie Van Zee- Alert younger drivers to the hazards of driving. Set up an effective program to prepare them before they start driving.

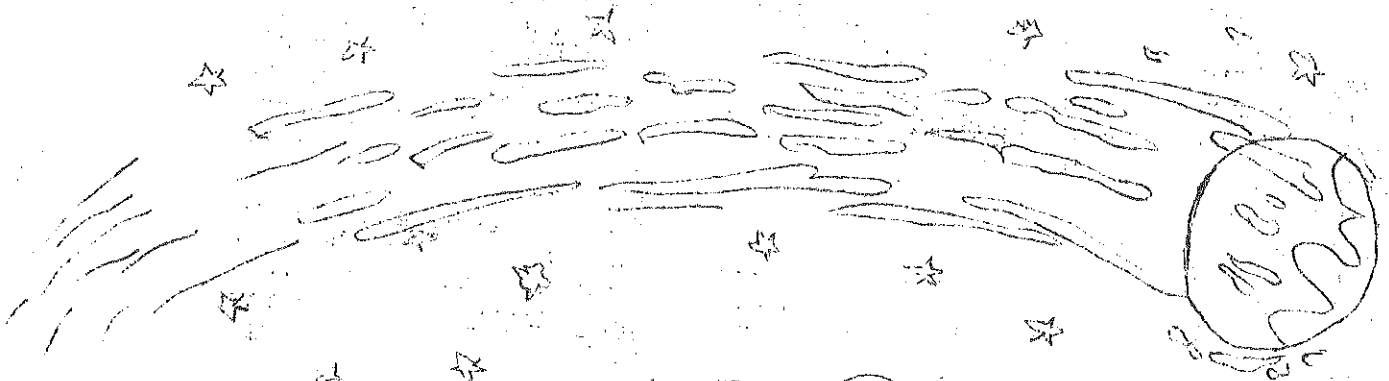
Elwood Vanden Berge- Make sure that more of the main roads are under radar...

Mr. Kulhavy- By changing mental attitudes of people toward driving.

Mr. Henthorne- More license revocations for drinking violations.

slides shown
to grades

Patrolmen Bill Payloer presented to the kindergarten through sixth grades a number of slides dealing with pedestrian safety. "Charlie's Venture." It took the pupils along with Charlie to his school and back home showing the right and wrong way to walk on roads and cross at intersections. At the conclusion of the program each student was given a Pedestrian Safety pamphlet. Approximately 200 students were present.



THE YEAR OF THE COMET

The Comets has long been the mascot name for Corsica. The Comets is a traditional name and one that the town of Corsica can be proud of.

What really is a Comet? It has long been believed that Comets are masses of tiny solid particles held together loosely by gravitation. Each particle is important in the forming of the Comet. We should think of our school as one big Comet. Each one of the faculty and students are important. We need the support of every one.

Consider yourself as one of the particles of the complete Comet. Each one must do their part and work together to make our Corsica Comet a successful one that keeps on spinning to victory. A Comet will break apart if all particles do not hold together by gravitation. What do you want our Comet to do, break apart, or hold firmly together?

A Comet can become a brilliant sight when all particles spin and work together. Let's all give our whole-hearted support to our school and this week to our Comet basketball team. Let's all be particles held together by our devotion and love to our school--the great Comet School.



EVERYONE--KEEP
THE FIRE BURNING!!!

