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FOUR SENIORS, THREE JUNIORS NAMED TO WHO'S WHO

Seven CHS students have been named to Who's Who Among American High School Students for 1976-77. They are: Darwin Brouwer, Delwyn Vruэгdenhil, Vera Hoekman, and Kathy Kuyper, seniors; and Ivan Brouwer, Scott Muckey, and Paulette Vanden Hoek, juniors.

Every year the faculty chooses the top students in each class. There can be one less junior than the number of seniors chosen. All students must have a 94% average for the year. The seniors' seven semester average was used for a basis.

Recognition in Who's Who is a national honor reserved especially for junior and senior class high school students who have demonstrated leadership or achievement in either academics, athletics, extra-curricular activities or community service. Everyone printed in the edition is eligible to compete for \$35,000 in scholarship grants. Who's Who students are sent a survey to complete. The results are published by key research agencies and the press. The (CRS) College Referral Service will reinforce and substantiate Who's Who candidates' credentials and qualifications.

INSTRUMENTAL SOLOISTS, ENSEMBLES RATE WELL AT REGIONAL CONTEST

Students from the instrumental music department of CHS, along with their director, Mr. Ralland Bartelt, participated in the regional contest held in Wagner Wednesday, February 9. The students received five superior and six excellent ratings.

Those soloists rated superior were Kathy Kuyper on alto saxophone and Jean Bormann on drum. Receiving excellent ratings on solos were: Cheryl Bamberg, coronet; Suzanne Fisher, flute; Sandy Beukelman, bass clarinet; Rhonda Uttecht, tenor sax; and Darwin Brouwer, tuba.

Four ensembles also participated in the contest. The flute trio, consisting of Suzanne Fisher, Lynette Olawsky, and Karen Brouwer, received a superior. The saxophone and clarinet quartets both were awarded superiors. Students in these groups were: Kathy Kuyper, Barb Peters, Nancy Spaans, and Sandy Beukelman, saxophones; Brenda Peters, Dianne Menning, Glenda Vanden Hoek, and Sandy Beukelman, clarinets. The brass ensemble, involving Darwin Brouwer, Vera Hoekman, Dave Holstein, Connie Everson, and Cheryl Bamberg, received an excellent.

CHS VOCALISTS RECEIVE SEVEN I'S

CHS vocalists who participated in the Region II solo and ensemble contest February 2 at Lake Andes brought home seven first place ratings. "Rehearsals for contest began right after Christmas vacation and continued up to contest time." "The solists and ensembles gave outstanding performances at contest and brought home very good ratings. I would like to take the credit for their fine performances, but of course it's the students' talent and hard work that deserves all the credit. I believe they should all be congratulated for a job well done," said Mrs. Maribeth Hoek, vocal director.

The swing choir, which was the first of all swing choirs to perform, received a I+; girls miscellaneous, I; triple trio, I; boys ensemble, I-; and madrigal, II+.

Soloists received these ratings: Mona Maunders, soprano, I; Phyllis Olawsky, soprano, II; Kim Van Roekel, soprano, III; Denise Markus, mezzo soprano, I; Cheryl Beukelman, mezzo soprano, II; Cheryl Bamberg, mezzo soprano, II; Carmen Zwart, alto, I; Sandy Beukelman, alto, II; Judy Olawsky, alto, II; Dave Holstein, tenor, I; Bob Bamberg, baritone, II; Tim Engelland, bass, III+.

SHOULD THE LEGAL DRINKING AGE BE CHANGED?

by Sharon Muilenburg

The proposal to raise the legal age for consumption of 3.2 beer from 18 to 19 has received the backing of the school administrators of South Dakota. There have been many complaints that students are drinking during school activities.

There are some good reasons against the change: (1) The kids under age will get alcohol from someone of age. Even if the legal age is raised, many students under age will have someone of age buy alcohol for them. (2) Drinking seems to be one of the biggest problems for any age group. Changing the legal age from 18 to 19 won't make any difference because there are still going to be pressures to drink. The first pressure is group identification: That is when you're with a group who are drinking and if you're not drinking you're going to feel out of place. Second is escapism; for example, if you have been in a

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To the Editor:

Did you ever wonder why some kids in Corsica get in trouble? Or did it ever occur to you why some kids do what they do like steal or raise H with their cars? The reason could be that there is nothing to do in Corsica but drive around.

Recently the senior class wanted to have a dance that wouldn't have anything to do with the school, but we couldn't, due to circumstances beyond our control. They expect us to go to other towns for entertainment. Recently Stickney had a dance in the Community Building with music by the band Rox. It was a good time. It wasn't rowdy, everybody got along good, and there were people from different towns at the dance. If you want to go to a movie, dance, etc., you have to go out of town.

Changing the subject, why can't the seniors have senior privileges? What do you have to do when you have study halls from 1:15 to 3:30? That's kind of dumb when you live on a farm or you have a job. When we asked for senior privileges, we said if we ever abused the privileges, they could take them away. We aren't asking for the world to change, but there are some things that could be improved.

Craig Robert Wagner
Robert Alan Bamberg
Donn Warren Bordewyk
Delwyn Lee Vreugdenhil
Michael Vanden Hoek
Boyd A. Reimnitz

David R. Holstein
Mark Noteboom
Darwin Brouwer
Wanda J. Oakland
Brenda L. Peters
Cheryl Beukelman

Kathy K. Kuyper
Cindy F. Bultje
Sharon Muilenburg
Vera J. Hoekman
Sandy Beukelman

Editor's Note

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DROPPING OUT NOT THE ANSWER

Many people in our community have a tendency to overlook the problems that are happening in their own area. Take, for example, the problem of students dropping out of school. It may be surprising to many that the drop-out rate is steadily increasing.

Just for a minute take a look at our own little school, Corsica Public, just one of the schools in the state having problems with drop-outs. In the 1973-74 school year there were 121 high school students enrolled, compared to 89 attending now. It has also been reported, taken from statewide statistics, that the number of students going on to college has dropped by more than 15% from 1968-1976.

Why are there so many dropouts today? The student may say "the pressures are too much for me" or "The teachers are always on my back." The student may be bored with school or fantasize that getting out of school and being on his own would be "so great." Actually, the dropout is blinding himself from the truth. Sure, jobs may be easy to find but what kind of a future does it hold? Just stop and think for a minute, in a realistic way their responsibility has just doubled. No more relying on Mom and Dad if suddenly they discover they're a little short of cash. They probably haven't realized how much more work they'll run into after leaving school.

Many students who drop out don't have these reasons. Many may have gotten pressure from home to quit school. The father may say, "I never had a high school education when I was your age, so why should you waste your time." Just think of the increase of knowledge needed today to maintain a good job or to make any type of future. Back in the days of the father he could earn a living and have a pretty good life. In the case of farming he could just work right along with his own father. Since farming is a big business today and many people rely on the farmers, it requires a greater amount of schooling to learn the latest techniques and skills. These standards probably weren't around when father was starting out.

I think if a student cannot cope with his problems the answer is not dropping out of school, but seeking help. In my opinion, running away from the problem doesn't help. The school counselor is willing to spend some time with you. Also give your parents a chance to say their ideas on the matter. They might have a solution that settles some of the doubts and problems that occur.

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR FEBRUARY

- February 11 - Basketball game against Letcher (Home)
- 12 - Regional Wrestling Tourney at Wagner
- 14 - Regular school board meeting
7th and 8th basketball game at New Holland
Valentines Day
- 15 - Basketball game against Armour on home floor
Teachers' meeting at 3:45 in the Library
- 16 - District E Junior High Music Festival in Mitchell
- 17 - 7th and 8th basketball game at Armour
- 18 - Basketball game at Plankinton
- 18 & 19 - State Wrestling Tourney at Huron
- 21 - 7th and 8th basketball against Geddes on home floor
- 25 - District 27 boys basketball tourney at Platte
- 23 - Black Hills State College Representative here to talk to the seniors
- 26 - Soup supper sponsored by the juniors

NEWS BRIEFS

RADIO THEATER BRINGS ADVENTURE STORIES TO WNAX

General Mills has agreed to sponsor and underwrite the cost of a 50-minute radio dramatization of great adventure stories. Some will be originals...fiction or fact...which can range from science fiction to real-life adventures. Others will be adaptations from the classics...among these will be Moby Dick, King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table, Mysterious Island, Kidnapped, The Man in the Iron Mask, etc.

Tom Bosley, costar of "Happy Days" on television, will be the host of the show, which will be produced by Himan Brown, who also produces the CBS RADIO MYSTERY THEATER heard on WNAX-570.

RADIO ADVENTURE THEATER will be heard on WNAX on Saturday and Sunday afternoons at 5:08 p.m. beginning February 5, 1977.

Who got all those deficiency slips? About 120 deficiency slips were sent out to parents last week. The deficiency slips are sent home if a student is failing, or not doing as well as the teacher expects. Mr. Anderson, principal, said that the number was about normal for the 138 students in grades 7-12.

To all interested persons:

The Emergency Medical Services Program, South Dakota Department of Health, in conjunction with State Radio, has developed a program providing toll free telephone numbers to be dialed for assistance in case of an accident or any medical emergency. Service is provided 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Any person calling from west of the Missouri River is encouraged to dial 1-800-742-8925; southeastern South Dakota (south of S.D. Highway 34) is 1-800-952-3651; and the number for the northeastern part of the state is 1-800-952-3649. Trained personnel will respond by dispatching emergency units closest to your location. Precious moments may be lost due to frustration or confusion. Hopefully the three new numbers will alleviate this problem.

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fight with someone or have something bothering you, you figure drinking is an easy way to get the subject off your mind. Also some young people will drink just to see what it's like and others use it as a form of rebellion. These won't stop if the legal age is changed to 19.

(3) At the age of 18, people legally become adults and take on responsibilities and are able to vote. Well, if this is true, then the students should learn to take on all responsibilities at the age of 18.

There are also some good reasons for changing the age to 19. (1) Because South Dakota has the tenth highest rating per capita of alcoholism in the nation. (2) Because 70 to 80 percent of the people in South Dakota drink. This leads to another reason: (3) Because alcohol is so readily available almost any place in South Dakota. By this I mean that you can buy 3.2 beer in grocery stores, whereas it used to be limited to the bars and poolhalls. A person who is going to drink should know how much he can take or how much he should drink and be able to decide when and where he is going to drink. When a person intakes alcohol, it slows down his reaction time, and depresses the central nervous system and lowers judgment. It seems like someone you like a lot or your best friend is the one getting hurt or even killed.

You're going to have to learn to trust the students at some age. Trust the students themselves and not some one from the past. Which are you going to trust them at--18 or 19?

Note: This editorial was written before the House Health and Welfare Committee decided to table the bill, which in effect, means that the legal age for 3.2 beer will not be changed.

14 STUDENTS TO ATTEND MUSIC FESTIVAL

The District E Junior High Music Festival will be held in Mitchell Wednesday, February 16 with 14 students from Corsica participating in the band and choral concerts. Rehearsals will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the concert is scheduled for 2:15 p.m. in the Junior High Auditorium.

The following students from Corsica will be participating in the festival: Kim Van Roekel and Renee Peters, soprano; Brenda Zomer and Shelly Beukelman, alto; Kevin Fey and Bryan King, tenor; Doug Olivier and Brad Zomer, bass; Suzanne Fisher and Karen Brouwer, flute; Renee Moke and Rennie Schrank, trumpet; Jim Beukelman, French horn; and John Engelland, trombone.

LAST CHANCE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST

Midnight tonite is the deadline for entries in the creative writing contest being sponsored by Quill and Scroll. Editors Paulette Vanden Hoek and Phyllis Olawsky have said that late contributions to the magazine will be accepted next week, but those entries will not be eligible for the competition.

Anyone who has suggestions for a title and/or cover design should talk to one of the editors or Ms. Nelson. The staff is trying to select a cover and title that will be representative of the students of CHS.

YEARBOOK STAFF HURRIES TO MEET THE DEADLINE

The yearbook staff, has been putting in some late hours recently, hurrying to meet their deadline. One-third of the annual is due February 15.

JUNIORS WILL HOLD SOUP SUPPER

The Junior Class will be holding a soup supper on Saturday, February 26, from 5:00 to 8:00 at the school gym. Everyone is invited. A free will offering will be taken.



DELTON DOCKENDORF BUILT A BOOKCASE FOR MR. ADAMS OFFICE

A new addition to the counselors office is a two-shelf bookcase which Delton Dockendorf built for Mr. Adams. The bookcase was a project for industrial arts class. Mr. Adams said that Delton did quality work and that he is proud to have the bookcase.

STEVE AND MAUREEN LEHNER PRESENT "ECHOES OF AMERICA"

Steve and Maureen Lehner presented their program, "Echoes of America," February 10 to grades K-12. Maureen and Steve both sang and Steve played banjo, guitar, mandolin, and harmonica. Maureen played guitar and fiddle. Their music consisted of traditional and contemporary folk songs, blue grass and original materials.

Maureen has been singing and playing musical instruments since her grade school days, during which time she took lessons in piano and violin. She has played violin with the Grand Forks Symphony and toured Europe with the International Music Camp choir.

Steve began playing piano by ear when he was six years old and played French horn and trumpet in high school. During high school he began playing banjo and guitar in earnest.

The Lehnars are touring the upper Midwest under the direction of the Division of Independent Study, State University Station, Fargo, North Dakota.

LEGEND OF ST. VALENTINE

In the legend of St. Valentine, Valentinus was imprisoned in Rome for assisting Christian martyrs. While awaiting execution, he became friends with the blind daughter of his jailer whose sight he was able to restore.

On the eve of his death he wrote her a farewell note and signed it "From Your Valentine." This was the origin of an expression which has been used millions of times over the centuries.

CHS SPORTS NEWS

DAVE BUCK ADVANCES TO REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

Dave Buck was the only Comet wrestler to place in the District 6 wrestling tournament held Friday and Saturday February 4 and 5. Dave received fourth in the 112 lb. class after winning two and losing two matches. Gregory won the overall team title with Burke, White Lake, and Woonsocket in second, third, and fourth place, respectively. The regional tournament will be held February 11 and 12 in Wagner.

COMET WRESTLERS FINISH SEASON WITH A LOSS

by Bob Bamberg

The Corsica matmen were defeated by Wessington Springs 45-21 on the Wessington Springs home mat January 28. The Comets were led by Brian Van Genderen, Forrest Stredde, and Bob Bamberg all with pins. They were followed by Dave Buck with a decision. Darwin DeVries lost by decision. Brian King, Kevin Fey, Keith Niewenhuis, and Tim Engelland were pinned. The Comets had to forfeit the 132, 138, and 167 pound weight classes.

FEARLESS FORECASTER PREDICTS TO THE END OF THE SEASON

Here I am once again to finish off the regular season basketball games. Tonight the Letcher Tigers come to town led by the high scoring Bob Jacobson. Letcher is having a poor season and one player can't make the team. I'll take **CORSICA**.

On February 15 Armour comes to town with a state-bound team. The Packers haven't been beaten yet and I'm sure they're going to beat the Comets. I'll take **ARMOUR**.

On February 18 Corsica travels to Plankinton. It's been a hard season for the Pirates and I'm sure the Comets are going to make it a harder one. I'll take **CORSICA**.

In the districts the Comets, after a first round bye, will meet the winner of the White Lake vs. Stickney game. Stickney has beaten White Lake before and White Lake has been slowly going down hill. I'll take **STICKNEY**. Corsica meets Stickney in second round action and I'll have to take the better shooting team. Make it **STICKNEY**.

In the lower bracket there are two byes and in the second round Dakota Christian and Plankinton play. I don't know much about Dakota, but Plankinton isn't a good ball club so I'll have to say **DAKOTA**. Stickney and Dakota will play for District 27 championship and I'll have to go with the Raiders. Make mine **STICKNEY**.

Well, we'll see you next issue with a follow up on my predictions. So for now, so long.

COMETS LOSE TO ETHAN IN DOUBLE OVERTIME

Last Friday night Corsica lost a tough game to Ethan. It was a double overtime affair, with a final score of 72-70. Corsica, who shot 39%, dominated until the fourth quarter in which Ethan out-scored them 21-13. The Rustlers, who grabbed 32 rebounds, were led in scoring by Bruce Nearhood's 24 points. Rick Hohn, Dave Duba, and Pat Oster had 12, 11, and 10 points respectively. Scott Muckey topped all shooters with 25 markers. Mark Noteboom followed with 16 points and Les Groeneweg with 12. Jeff Hamburg grabbed 9 of Corsica's 31 rebounds.

COMETS BEAT THE EAGLES BY 14 POINTS

Corsica upended Lake Andes Tuesday night 81-67. Corsica shot an even 50%, compared to the Eagles 41%. The Comets, who put five men in double figures, were led by Les Groeneweg's 24 points and 16 rebounds. He was followed by Darwin Brouwer with 17 points and 11 rebounds. Mark Noteboom, Schott Muckey, and Jeff Hamburg had 15, 13, and 10 points respectively. Andes was led by Bruce Gau's 16 points. Bruce Kniffen added 13 points and Chuck Allen 12 points.

REMEMBER THE GOOD OLE DAYS

"Remember the good ole days?" "If you could have been there when I went to high school...." These familiar statements are probably heard quite often from parents that like to reminisce about when they were going to C.H.S. Was there really such a change in the way high school was and is now at C.H.S.? Let's go back about 25-30 years when some of the students of C.H.S. had parents going to high school.

The regular school day began at 9 a.m. There wasn't any bus service, so everyone had to find their own way to school or stay in town. All students gathered in one study hall where they would keep their books and go to their classes from there. This study hall was located on the west side of the first floor, where the library is now. It was an open room with a little library included. Across from the open study hall, on the east side, there were three rooms. Chemistry, science, math, government, etc. were held in this area. Upstairs there were two more classrooms, typing and English, for the high school. The rest of the rooms upstairs were occupied by the grade school.

The teaching staff was much smaller than it is at present. There wasn't a principal, but just the superintendent, and he would teach a few classes also. The freshmen had only one teacher, and spent the entire day in one classroom.

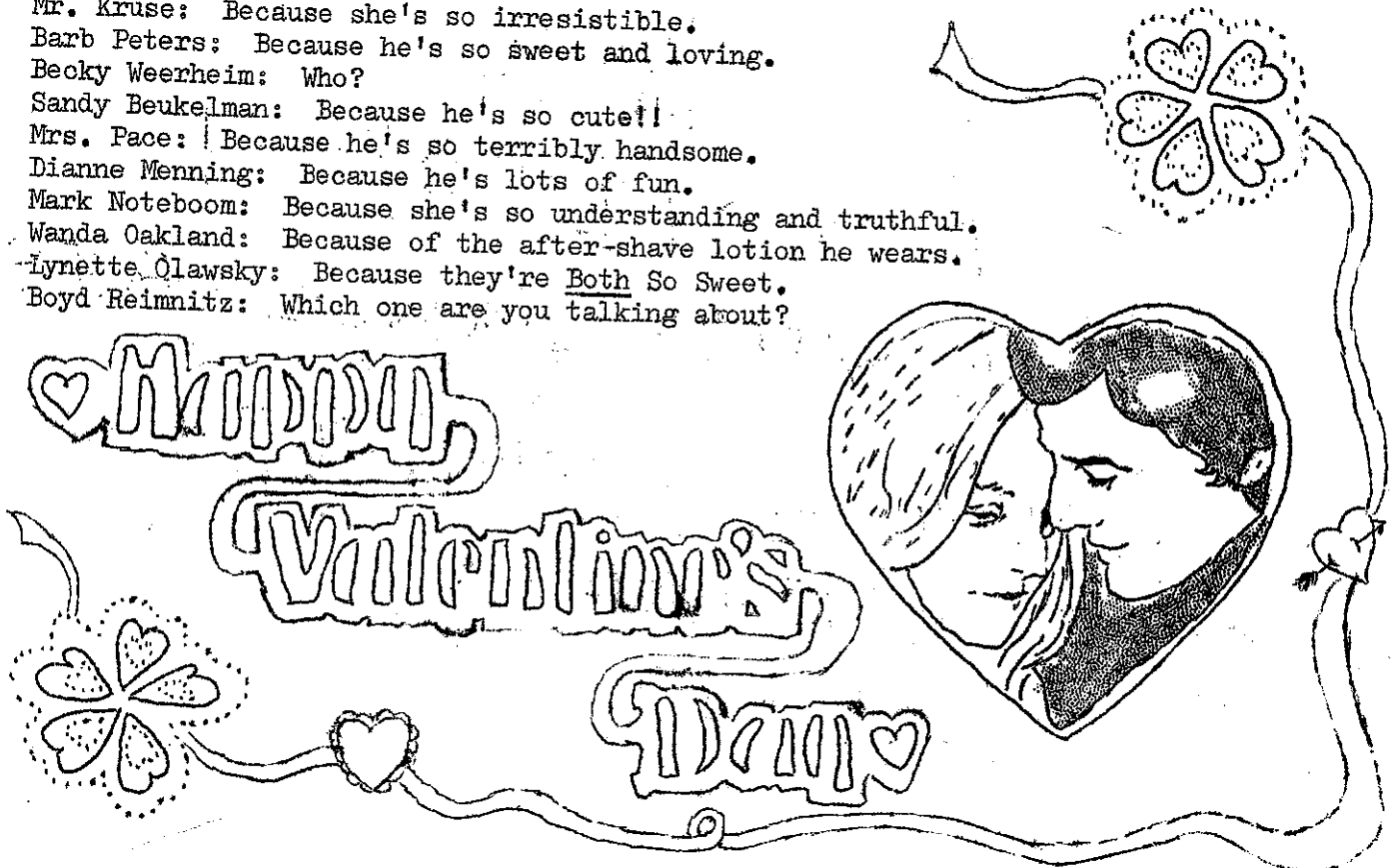
The stage, where the band practiced, was along the north side of the gym. A new addition was built on the east side of the school in 1954 which was used for new Home Ec rooms and the shop. A new stage was then built on the east side of the gym.

Band and boys' and girls' chorus were well attended and counted as extra credits. There was only one contest a year and one concert, with the winners of the contest performing. Those who participated in sports were allowed to practice from 3:20-4 p.m. There was one basketball game a week on Friday night. School ended at 4 p.m. When parents talk about "those good ole days" are there any likenesses to today?

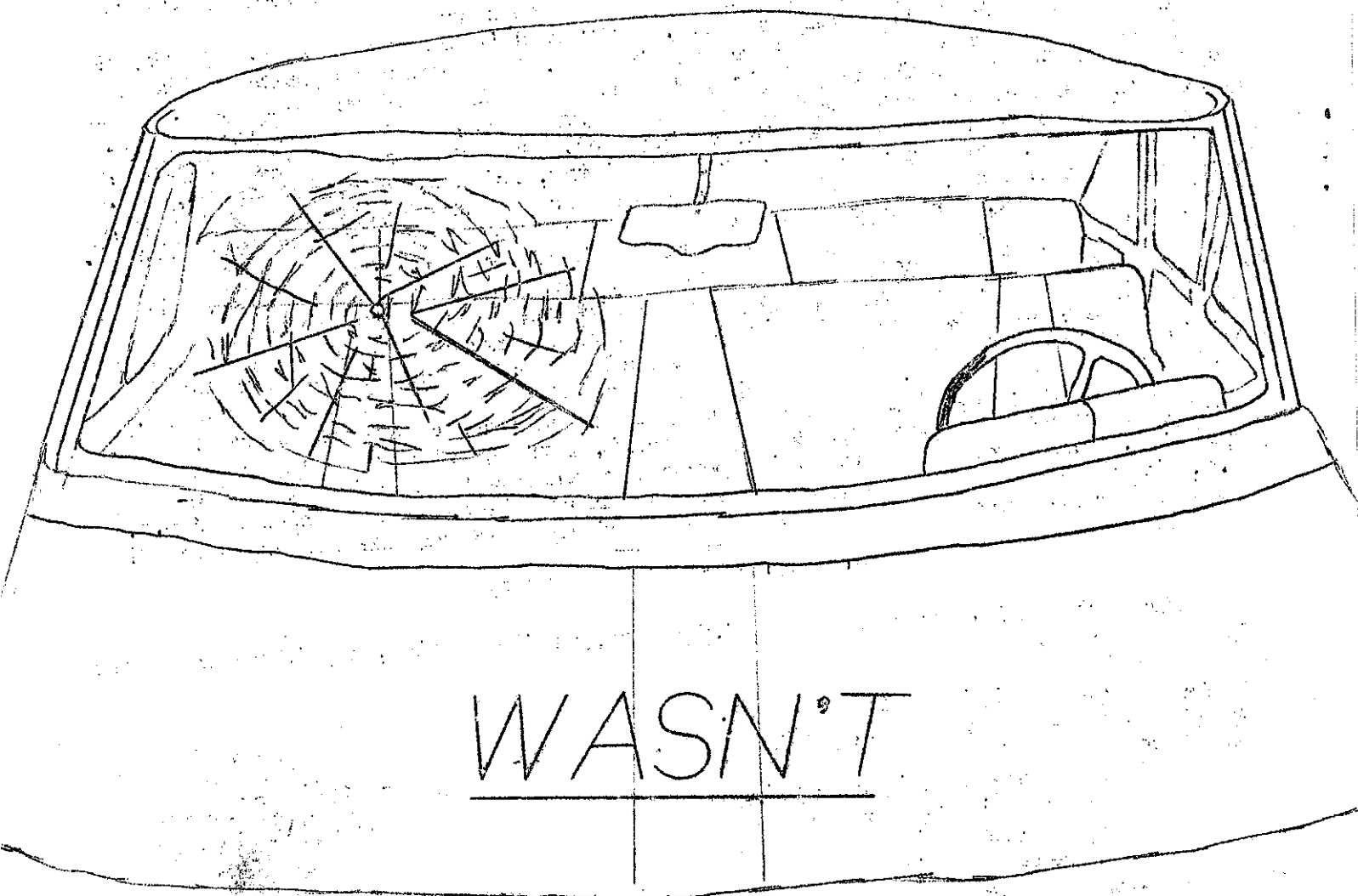
SHE'S (HE'S) MY SWEET VALENTINE

Our reporter polled some people at C.H.S asking this question, Why is he or she the love of your life?

- Mr. Kruse: Because she's so irresistible.
- Barb Peters: Because he's so sweet and loving.
- Becky Weerheim: Who?
- Sandy Beukelman: Because he's so cute!!
- Mrs. Pace: Because he's so terribly handsome.
- Dianne Menning: Because he's lots of fun.
- Mark Noteboom: Because she's so understanding and truthful.
- Wanda Oakland: Because of the after-shave lotion he wears.
- Lynette Olawsky: Because they're Both So Sweet.
- Boyd Reimnitz: Which one are you talking about?



ONE SAFETY BELT



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THE CHS SAFETY COUNCIL URGES
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