

# Borth presents 'Stayin' Alive'

"Stayin' Alive," a multi-image slide presentation showing the dangers involved in drinking and driving was presented to the student body on February 4.

Wyland Borth of the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education in Pierre gave the presentation which is a part of the Governor's safety program to inform the public of the dangers involved in driving while drunk.

In 1981, 174 people were killed in South Dakota with 101 of those deaths relating to alcohol, according to Borth. He also stated that three out of five traffic fatalities occurred because of a drinking driver, and the rate is higher for teenagers.

Much of the script of the presentation is drawn from the experiences of a young man, Gary Erickson, who was permanently injured in a traffic accident.

"It's a teenager telling

his story to teenagers," said Borth. "He's telling his story of how he drank and drove."

Although the presentation has a serious message it utilizes humor, pictures, and popular music, such as "Stayin' Alive" and "Killing Me Softly", to bring across its message. Borth expressed his hope that teenagers hearing the songs at a later date will be reminded of their use in the presentation.

"You never know what lasting effects the program will have," said Borth. "It would be great if I could say, 'yes, it's been something that has helped', but there is no way a person can know."

This is the first year this presentation has been given in South Dakota. "It was well received in Wisconsin, where it originated, and it has been changed for South Dakota," said Borth. "All the accident slides are from South Dakota, only about a half dozen are not." Most of the pictures of student activities were taken at Sioux Falls Lincoln High School.

The film has been presented this year 149 times to about 15,000 people. "I would hope that it would get the young people to think of the responsibility they really have," said Borth.

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# FHA Week concludes

The Corsica FHA Chapter celebrated National FHA Week February 8-12.

They designated Monday, Red and White Day; Tuesday, John Hancock Day; Wednesday, Baby Picture Day; Thursday, Heart and Breakfast Day; and Friday, Stuffed Animal Day.

The sampling supper rounded out the week on Friday night. It featured casseroles and desserts.

"I thought it went well and everyone seemed to enjoy it," stated Julie Baier, FHA President. "We received a lot of good comments."

The chapter also inducted a Heart Fund Drive in accordance with FHA Week. They were stationed downtown on February 13 and 20 and canvassed the town during the week to raise money for the charity.

Currently FHA is planning to attend the state convention in Pierre on March 21, 22, and 23. The members attending will be the officers: Julie Baier, Kristi Wagner, Kathy Kredit, Brenda Uttecht, Gina Dockendorf, Donna Metzger, Susan Bamberg, Vonda Zomer, and Julie Gerlach.

Groups who received superiors at the Regional Convention will also be attending. They are: Julie erlach and Donna Metzger; Michelle Drefs and Carlene Sipma; Darla Markus and Susan Bamberg; Kristi Wagner and Susan Bamberg.

Amy Gjesdal, advisor, and Elaine Wagner, chapter mother will chaperone the members.

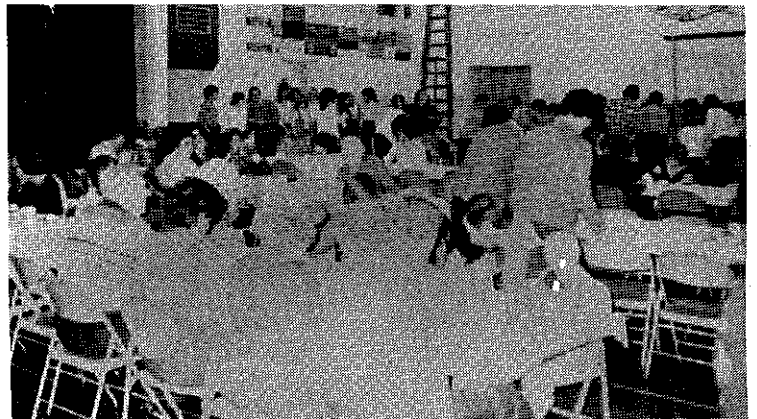
"It's going to be completely different this year, the set-up is totally

different than it has been in other years," commented Gjesdal. "The girls are really looking forward to attending and we are hoping that they will do well in all their activities."

The Convention will feature a major business meeting, competition of the

Action Activities and the formal installation of State Officers. Kristi Wager, Region V President, will be installed to one of the offices.

"I think it will be a fun and exciting experience," commented Kristi Wagner.



A few of the many people who attended the second annual FHA sampling supper. This dinner rounded out the activities of National FHA Week.

Editorial:

# Sports lettering raises questions

Students participate in band, chorus, basketball, declam, football, drama, track and cheerleading and who letters? Only the people in sports. Why? Is it because sports are more important or they work harder?

Why do some people think sports are more important? It could be because they have more interest in sports than the rest of the activities. Another reason might be that they think the students don't work as hard as they do in sports.

In sports they practice two to three hours after school for three to five months even though some do practice more. In band and chorus the students practice one hour every day for the whole school year plus sometimes before and after school. You can see the sports participants in games and the band and chorus students in concerts, contests and all the home basketball and football games. The participants in declam and drama practice hard after school for hours so they can receive superior rating in contests and give good performances. Cheerleaders also practice hours after school so they can give a great performance at all the games and at contests.

Another reason some people might think the participants should not get letters is because they have no set of rules to follow. In sports they have training rules and have to play for a certain period of time to get a letter. In cheerleading they have training rules too plus they cheer for all the games, but do they get a letter? No. In band and chorus they have to come to all the practices and attend the concerts, contests and ball games, but is that enough? No. In declam they have to practice and attend contests, and in drama they have to come to all the rehearsals and give a good performance, but is this enough? No.

All these activities are equal and all the participants should get letters when they earn them. If we want to get letters in these activities, we should talk to the school board and administration and let them know what we want. It will take everyone's support to get this into motion.

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# Top ten surveyed

## Student Survey

1. "Centerfold" - J. Geils Band
2. "Love is Alright Tonight" - Rick Springfield
3. "Sweet Dreams" - Air Supply
4. "Love in the First Degree" - Alabama
5. "Shake It Up" - The Cars
6. "Harden My Heart" - Quarterflash
7. "Juke Box Hero" - Foreigner
8. "Physical" - Olivia Newton-John
9. "I Can't Go For That" - Daryl Hall and John Oates
10. "Turn Me Loose" - Loverboy and "Jessie's Girl" - Rick Springfield

## National Survey

1. "Centerfold" - J. Geils Band
2. "I Can't Go For That" - Daryl Hall and John Oates
3. "Harden My Heart" - Quarterflash
4. "Open Arms" - Journey
5. "Turn Your Love Around" - George Benson
6. "Shake It Up" - The Cars
7. "The Sweetest Thing" - Juice Newton
8. "Physical" - Olivia Newton-John
9. "Waiting For a Girl Like You" - Foreigner
10. "Sweet Dreams" - Air Supply

## Critic's corner

# See "Life on Earth"

With all of the sit-coms, car wrecks, soaps, cop shows, and women in skimpy clothing that flood the TV, it is a nice change to watch a program that is enjoyable as well as educational.

Such a show is currently being run on P.B.S. (channel 10) on Tuesday nights. Its name is "Life on Earth", and it shows and explains all living things from plants to humans.

The show is narrated by Englishman David Attenborough, whose simple, non-scientific language makes the show interesting to watch and easy to understand.

"Life on Earth" is a 13 part series, which is now up to the amphibians, so if you haven't been watching, you haven't missed too much.

In last week's episode about fish and other sea creatures, Attenborough and the series' cameras showed footage of all kinds

of marine life including various types of sharks and rays, some blind deep-sea fish that are seldom seen, an electric eel, and others.

The show ended with a "walking catfish" which can survive on land for short periods of time, leading into this week's show on amphibians.

During the course of watching a part of "Life on Earth," a person sees some amazing things that he or she has never seen before, and the way Attenborough presents the show is far from the "boring" or "dry" ideas that many people associate with a scientific or educational series.

So if you watch a part of this program, don't expect to see Bo and Luke destroy any cars, and don't expect to see J. R. trying to cheat Bobby out of his inheritance, but do expect to be entertained by the wonders of life on earth.

# Music receives awards



These sixteen CHS students received superior awards for their individual and group efforts at the regional vocal competition.

## Buehner commends industrious singers

"I think our students performed very well for the most part," said Pam Buehner, vocal director. "Their attitude and hard work is to be commended."

Those receiving superior ratings at the Regional Vocal Contest in Lake Andes, February 10, were: Mixed Ensemble; Madrigal; Darla Markus, alto solo; Lisa Gerlach, soprano solo; and Donna Metzger and Laurie Gerlach, piano solos.

Those receiving excellent ratings were: Triple Trio; Girl's Swing Choir; Leanne De Vries, mezzo soprano solo; Laura Punt and Lori Vanden Hoek, soprano solos; and Susan Bamberg, Diane Moke, and Lori

Pickart, piano solos.

Although Buehner thought the contest turned out well, she also had these comments.

"In a contest situation there is always elements of tension and anxiety. Some students perform very well under these pressures. Therefore you don't know which students will do their best or less than their best because of this."

Buehner also feels that the contest is full of surprises and she noted that we had a few. "Missing practices due to weather hurt the overall quality of the contest. This could be noticed by the ratings and the number of superiors given."

## Instrumentalists gain experience

On Wednesday, February 3, members of the Corsica High School band competed in the Region V instrumental contest at Kimball, S. Dak.

Various soloists and combos performed before judges who were to rate their music superior, excellent, good, fair, or poor. Corsica earned three superiors, eleven excellents, and one good.

Susan Bamberg was the only soloist to receive a superior rating.

Soloists receiving excellents were Lisa Gerlach, Donna Olson, Perry Van Roekel, and Denise Wahlert.

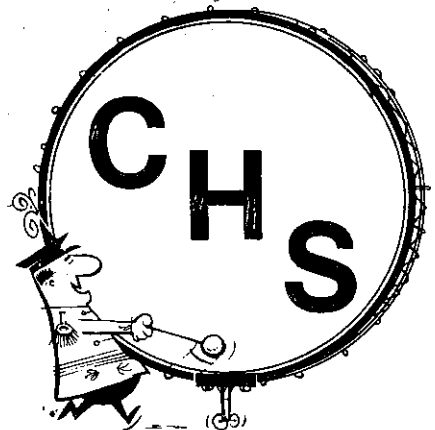
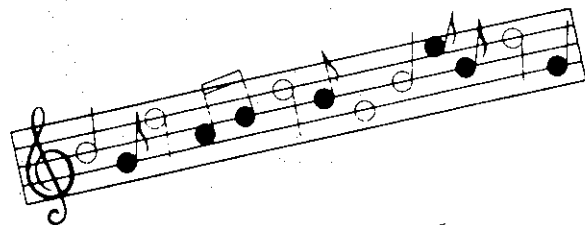
Members of the stage band and woodwind choir also received top honors

The flute duet, clarinet duet, both trumpet trios,

both clarinet quartets, and the saxophone quartet earned excellents. The students in these groups

were Kristi Wagner, Carlene Sipma, Laurie Gerlach, Julie Gerlach, Lisa Gerlach, Donna Metzger, Shelly Bosma, Jodel Batterman, Holly Van Roekel, Pam Bye, Jeanine Ralston, Denise Wahlert, Darla Markus, Lorie Pickart, Kristi Bakker, Kathy Kredit, Cherie Bakker, Susan Bamberg, and Wyla Punt.

"The contest turned out pretty much as we expected," said band director Jolene Cassanova. "Students can gain some very valuable experience from an individual and small group competition like this."



## Competition in Huron

# Cheerleaders do well in state event

The 'A' team cheerleaders attended the Fourth Annual South Dakota Cheerleading Tournament in Huron on February 6.

Twenty-four Class 'B' squads and four Class 'A' squads entered the tournament. Class 'A' and Class 'B' schools were divided as they are for all other school athletic competition.

The cheerleaders were required to perform a cheer routine (two minutes maximum) and a music routine (three minutes

maximum) for a total of five minutes performance. The squads were allowed a run on and off cheer which was not included in the time limit.

To avoid a time lapse in the two phases of competition there were two sets of judges. One set judged the cheer routine and the other set judged the music routine.

The cheer routine was judged on poise and appearance, arm action, jumping ability and form, pep and enthusiasm, and overall coordination with

other members.

The music routine was judged on time and rhythm, coordination, arm action, poise and enthusiasm, and overall squad performance.

According to Amy Gjesdal, one of the cheerleader advisors, "We thought they did well. They didn't place but we thought they were among the top squads."

Next year it will be up to the cheerleaders and their advisors if they want to enter the competition.

According to Gjesdal, "I feel it is just as good as

some of the college clinics.

You get a chance to see what other cheerleading squads are like and can get some ideas from them. It's one day you can do a lot of self-evaluation and improvement in your own cheering."

With the help of the cheerleading advisors, Amy Gjesdal, Carol Boehnke, and Joan Hegerfeld, the three cheerleading squads are working on a routine which will be performed during the half time of the first game at the District Tournaments in Wagner on February 23.

## Skater delights school

Jerry Covington, professional roller skater and instructor from Memphis, Tenn., presented his program "Keep On Rolling" to the entire student body on February 12.

The program consisted of roller skating fundamentals, jumps, spins, footwork and safety tips.

that time and I just fell in love with skating," stated Covington.

In the early Sixties, Covington entered many competitions and won several awards. Now he judges local competitions, and gives skating lessons in Memphis and Nashville. Covington is also part owner of a skating rink in

### 'I started skating when Elvis Presley would rent the skating rink'

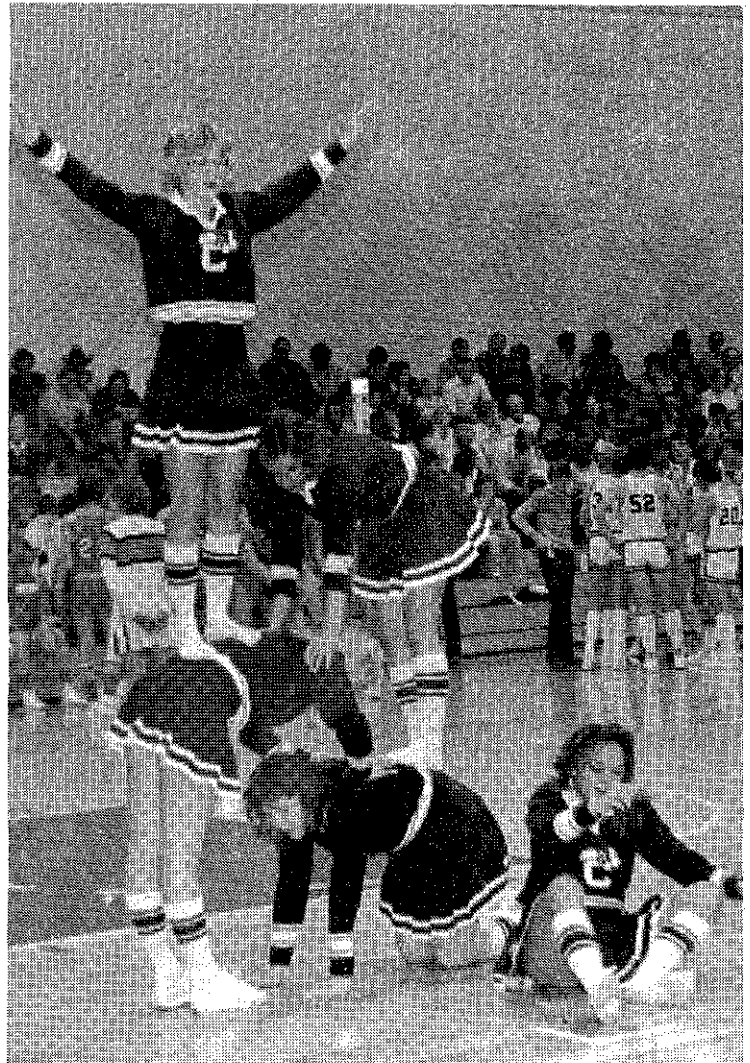
In an interview with Covington he said, "I'm not out to try and capture one skater. I just like to hit a few skating rinks and go on tour to show kids how to do some of the simpler skating tricks so they can improve their skating and have more fun."

"I started skating when Elvis Presley would rent the skating rink and invite his friends to his private parties. I was eighteen at

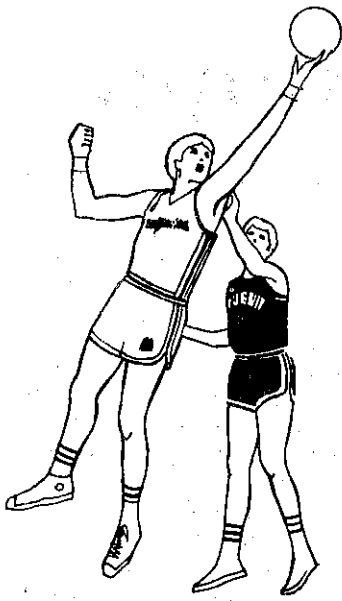
Fayetteville, Tenn. and goes on tour three months out of the year.

His tours cover North and South Dakota, Nebraska and part of Wyoming. According to Covington, "This is my third year on the tour and I really enjoy it."

When asked what he likes about skating, Covington replied "Just about everything except for discourteous skaters."



# Comets enter districts holding a 14-3 record



Reimnitz, Wagner and Beukelman tallied 16, 15 and 12 respectively.

Reimnitz handled 15 caroms to pace the defensive effort. Wagner nabbed 13 stray shots and Menning garnered nine rebounds.

Corsica beat Geddes with a score of 63-42.

Wagner notched 20 points and Reimnitz sank 18 points. Menning followed with 16 points.

Reimnitz pulled down 20 rebounds to pace the Comets. Wagner garnered 10 and Groeneweg, Beukelman and Menning added six rebounds each.

The Comets ended their winning streak in a 53-59 defeat to White Lake.

Reimnitz showed an excellent effort by sinking 22 counters and grabbing 14 rebounds. Menning assisted the cause by contributing 11 points and six rebounds.

The Comets raised their record to 14-2 by defeating Andes Central 47-44.

Wagner sparked the Comet offense with 17 points. Reimnitz scored 15 points and Beukelman, Noteboom and Menning garnered five apiece.

Reimnitz lead the rebounding division with eight caroms while Groeneweg and Beukelman managed six each.

Corsica suffered a loss at the hands of ARMour 56-39.

Reimnitz had 16 points while Groeneweg, Wagner and Noteboom contributed six apiece.

The Comets are now entering District competition on February 22, 23 and 26 in Wagner.

Corsica Comets have cruised to a 14-3 record after defeating Ethan, Letcher, Plankinton and Andes Central and suffering losses to White Lake and Armour.

The Comets edged conference rival Ethan 37-35.

Curt Wagner netted 17 points to aid the Comet cause while John Reimnitz scored eight. Jerry Beukelman, Steve Noteboom and Lowell Groeneweg added four points apiece. The Comets shot a sizzling 100 percent from the free-throw line. Reimnitz and Beukelman handled the rebounds with eight and six, respectively.

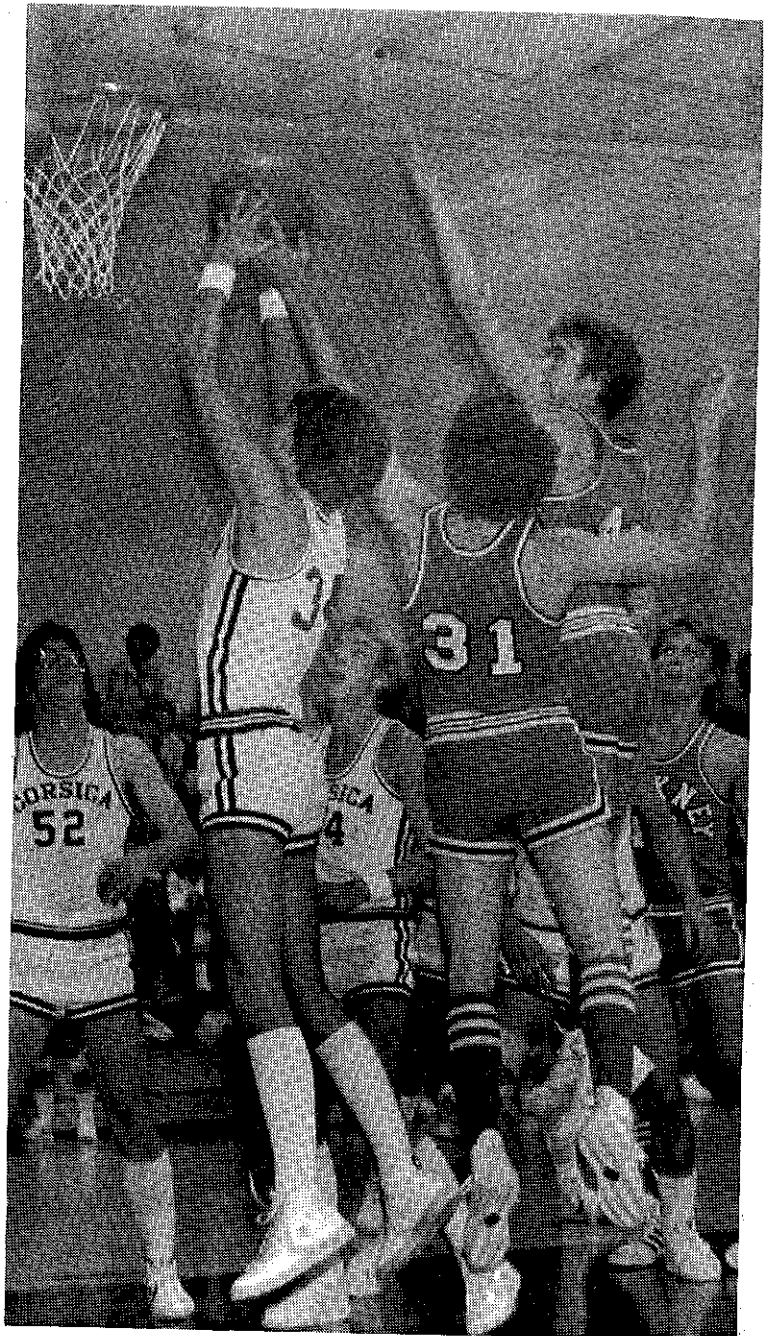
Corsica defeated Letcher by a three point margin in a close 43-40 contest.

Wagner lead in the scoring department with 13 points. Beukelman and Reimnitz had eight counters each, while Noteboom scored seven points.

Noteboom nabbed six rebounds and Groeneweg and Wagner grabbed four.

Comets rolled to a 65-41 victory over Plankinton.

Frank Menning clicked for 18 points while





In English II

# Career planning course taught

"The caliber of students in Corsica is quite high," said Thomas Langrehr, Army National Guard representative, after spending three days last week teaching the sophomore English class.

"I did a career planning education course that dealt

interested in the National Guard. The course is more for educational relations; we get to know young people by doing this course," said Langrehr.

There are 20 representatives in this state and three of them teach the career planning course.

dependent on each other," said Langrehr.

Langrehr had been in the National Guard working part time for ten years before starting to work full time. He is a National Guard representative and not a recruiter.

"To me a representative is a person who comes and tells what he has to offer through the National Guard and the educational programs. I tell what I stand for and if they want to join it has to be their decision," said Langrehr. "A recruiter is someone who comes in and gets your signature and you probably will never see him again."

Besides teaching the career planning course, Langrehr gives National Guard presentations and

teaches a single parent course to a lot of home economics classes.

Also, Langrehr gives karate demonstrations. "We are trying to get students, especially in the Corsica area, involved with our karate program down in Wagner, because it gives them something to do and also gives them a goal," said Langrehr.

"The philosophy I gave the students is to enjoy being young. I am 28 years old and I'll never feel old. I don't say go out drinking beer; I say go out and have a good time, but don't get into trouble."

"Corsica, with the new school here is fantastic," said Langrehr. "I enjoyed teaching the students and hope they have gotten something out of it."

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with trying to get students interested in some type of career," said Langrehr. "It helps to get ideas together and put on paper, no longer just in their mind."

The course teaches students what classes they will need to take in high school and where they can continue their education. It also helps with job applications, job resumes, and providing other career information.

"I go to schools and talk to young individuals who are

Corsica is one of the schools in Langrehr's district which includes 21 schools from Wagner, north to Stickney and west to Martin, South Dakota.

This is the first year that a National Guard representative has come to Corsica. "I enjoyed teaching here because I found the caliber of students is quite a bit different than his West River students. I got the feeling that they were trying to grasp what I was saying and are not so

## Community carnival begins organization

A community carnival is being organized to raise money for the Swimming Pool Fund.

"All proceeds will be contributed to the pool," said Rich Adams, Jaycee. "There is a chance the existing pool will not open again this summer if we don't raise some money."

The carnival is tentatively set for March 26 from 5 - 10 p.m. in the elementary gym. Any organization or individuals are invited to participate.

"We have a very good start and I think the people will come out for it," said Adams.

At the present time there are approximately nine organizations planning to participate with activities including a dunking machine, a lunch stand, a free throw contest and many others.

High school classes and organizations are also being asked to take part. "I don't think it would be right without them; it's their pool," said Adams.

### Coming Events

- Feb. 22, 23, 26: District 27 Tourney at Wagner.
- March 4 and 5: Region 7 Tourney at Wagner.
- March 11, 12, 13: Boys State "B" Basketball Tourney at Sioux Falls.
- March 19: FHA send-off to Pierre.
- March 21, 22, 23: FHA State Meeting at Pierre.
- March 23: Corn Palace Festival at Mitchell.
- March 26: Parent-Teacher Conference.

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