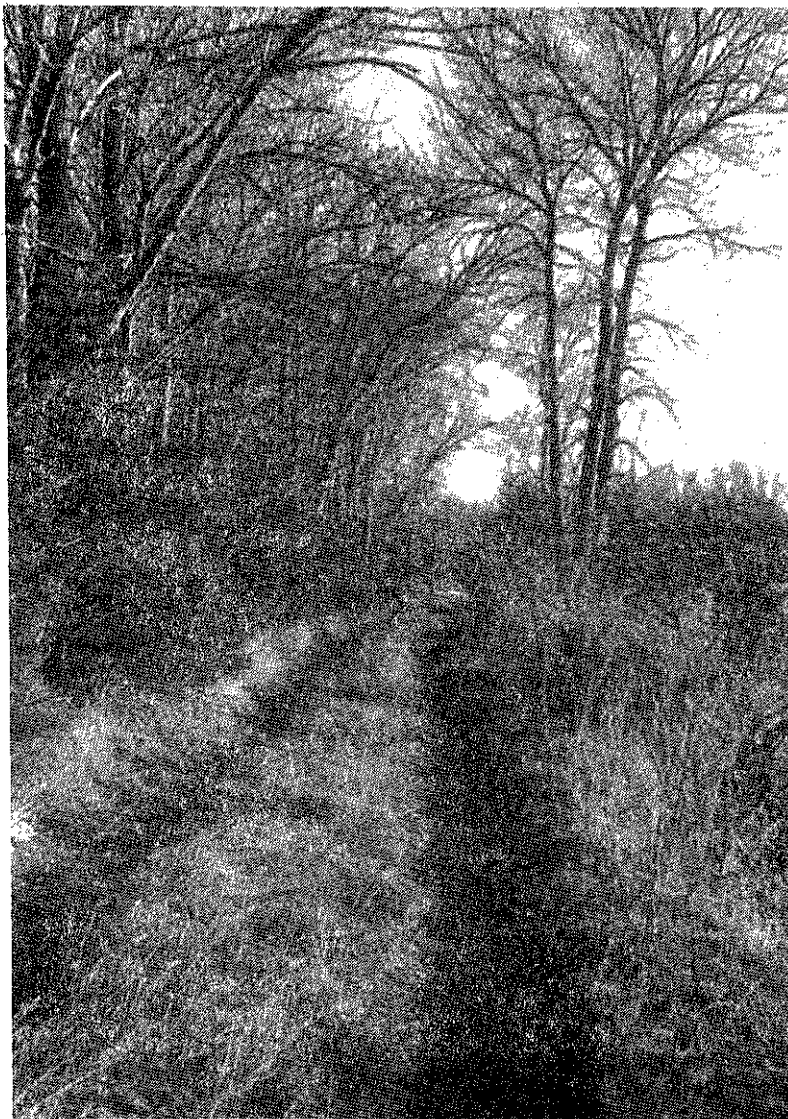


The **Forum** Corsica High School

February 23, 1981/Volume 3, Number 6/Corsica, S.D.



Instructors evaluate need for 3 conferences

Parent-teacher conferences will be conducted for the third time on March 16.

According to several teachers, the reason parents attend parent-teacher conferences is because they care about their children and want to see how they are doing in their studies, according to grades, effort, and attitude.

"Parents are genuinely interested in their children's academic progress," commented Sandra Marler, English teacher. "They (parents) come to parent-teacher conferences in order to facilitate their child's learning in any way they can."

Most of the teachers feel that attendance to conferences seems to diminish after the first time. Doug Hookie, social studies teacher, said, "Unless the student is doing very poorly, the parents are satisfied."

Because of the diminishing attendance, many teachers feel that having two conferences a year instead of three would be sufficient. One teacher believes that if there is any special problem with a student, the

parents are called to school anyway; therefore, having two conferences a year, after the first and third nine weeks, would be adequate.

Even though teachers feel there are too many conferences, they definitely believe they are beneficial. They feel they can understand a student's academic problem more successfully after talking to the parents. "Talking to the parent helps the teacher understand the student better,"

"An instructor gains insight into a student's particular academic problem which enables the instructor to be more helpful in assisting the student with his particular problem," said Marler.

Overall, Amy Gjesdal, home economics instructor, feels that parent-teacher conferences are worthwhile if the parents come. "Teachers need to see how the parents are involved with their student. Misunderstanding can be cleared and advice given," she said.

Girls', Boys' State candidates selected

Candidates for Girls' and Boys' State have been selected.

The candidates for Girls' State are Leanne De Vries, Kathy Kredit, Jeanine Ralston, Cherie Bakker, and Sharlene Drefs.

The candidates for Boys State are John Reimnitz, Lowell Groeneweg, and Kevin Goldammer.

The delegates for Girls' and Boys' State will be chosen from these candidates by the American Legion Auxiliary and the American Legion.

Girls' and Boys' State will be May 31 to June 6. The girls will attend Girls' State on the Dakota Wesleyan University campus in Mitchell. The boys will attend

Boys' State on the Northern State College campus in Aberdeen.

The candidates were chosen because of their scholastic standing, their qualifications in leadership, honesty, physical fitness and cooperativeness.

The purpose of Girls' and Boys' State is to bring the delegates a knowledge of the principles of

American Government through practice and control.

Girls' and Boys' State are laboratories of political science designed to help the delegates understand the problems of government. Every delegate will have an active part in the government and will learn that their government is just what they make it.

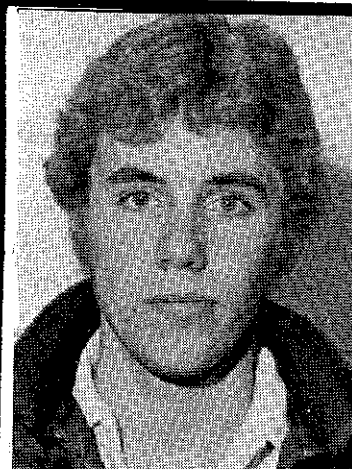
How do you feel about the legislature raising the drinking age to 19?



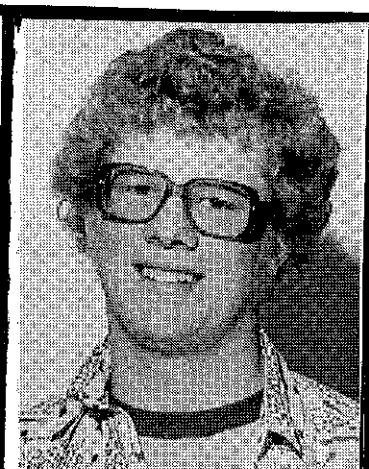
Brenda Zomer: If we're responsible enough at 18 to register for the draft, to vote in national elections, to marry without parental consent, we should be responsible enough adults to decide whether or not to drink.



Brenda Bultje: The bill isn't going to affect anyone, because the kids will get alcohol anyway. I'd rather have it 18, because if they can get it legally, they won't get in as much trouble.



John Engelland: It doesn't make any difference because the kids will get liquor anyway. I always got it whenever I wanted it when I wasn't old enough.



Cal Spaans: Well, I'm 18, so I'll be able to buy alcohol anyway, even if the bill does pass, and if they raise the drinking age to 19, then the legislature should lower the hard stuff to 19, too.

Legislature proposes to raise drinking age

A bill which would raise the drinking age for low-point beer from 18 to 19 is now in process of becoming law.

Senator Roger McKellips, D-Alcester, is in favor of the bill, according to the Sioux Falls

The Forum--Published by the students of the Journalism Class of Corsica High School, Corsica, S.D. 57328.

The opinions expressed herein are not necessarily those of the high school, administration faculty, or student body, but the expressed opinions of the staff.

Editor - Laura De Vries
Co-Editor - Kathy Kredit
Business Manager - Jeanine Ralston
Advisor - Deb Rothenberger
Staff - Cherie Bakker, Jerry Beukelman, Julie Hoekman, John Reimnitz, Kevin Van Maanen and Brenda Zomer.

Contributing Writer - Doug Olivier

Argus Leader. He feels the bill would do away with the problem created by 18-year-old drinkers.

"South Dakota is an island. Every surrounding state now has an age higher than 18 for consumption of beer," he said. "What's happening? The 18-year-olds are coming to South Dakota to consume beer."

"Students will be able to drink no matter what the legal drinking age is because a student who is not of age will be able to find someone to buy them the beverages," said Dave Krull, guidance counselor. "Instead of legislatures being so concerned of what age a person can drink, why don't they channel their efforts to find out why teenagers drink and set up programs to help students cope with the pressure of being an adolescent."

An amendment to consolidate the definition of low- and high-point beer was rejected. Right now, 18-year-olds can drink 3.2 alcohol beer, but must wait until they are 21 to drink beer with a higher alcohol content and liquor.

**Team
Cheerleaders
+ Fans**

VICTORY

**It takes all three to win the game,
so support your team at the Districts.**

Preheim, Hookie resign

Two letters of resignation were received by the school board at their last meeting, February 9.

Dallas Preheim, resigning business instructor, is in his first year of teaching at CHS, while Douglas Hookie, resigning history teacher, is nearing the completion of two years. Both letters of resignation were accepted.

In other business, two questionnaires sent out by the South Dakota High School Activities Association (SDHSAA) were discussed.

The first, dealing with the possibility of the SDHSAA acquiring their own office building, was disapproved. The second, a survey, involving possible changes to be made in the girls' basketball tournament was completed. Because of the many activities being held on tournament dates, some members of the association feel

the games have been losing support.

Of the suggestions made by the association, the board approved the following changes: a ban on boys' basketball games during the girls' state tournaments and a ban on girls' games during all-state chorus and orchestra. The board voted to keep the season as it is.

Staff evaluations were also discussed by the board and three members, Superintendent Vern DeGeest, Guidance Counselor Dave Krull and Business Manager Irma Beukelman, were re-employed for the 1981-82 school year.

The next regular school board meeting is scheduled for March 9.

Clinic planned

The Organization of Future Medics toured the Douglas County Memorial Hospital in January.

Members talked to people in the medical records department, x-ray technicians, physical therapists, and all the other departments of the hospital.

"I thought that the equipment and facilities were really impressive for a hospital of that size," said Dennis Hup, club president.

The club is also planning to conduct an emergency first aid clinic in March. The clinic will be presented by Darlene Bye, Douglas County nurse, in the new high school and will be open to the public.

The organization also donated a bouquet of flowers that was on display at the open house for the Corsica Medical Clinic.

Workshop attended

Corsica's teaching staff and administration attended a workshop last Monday.

The workshop, at the Mitchell Junior High School, was open to all schools in the area. Thirty-two regional schools attended. Dr. Gene Nichols from Augustana College addressed the workshop.

According to Dave Krull, guidance counselor, "The main purpose of the teachers workshop

was to help the teachers find new methods and techniques to improve their classroom instruction."

There were also workshops for cooks, custodians, secretaries, business managers, and the administration.

Instructor Ron Diede observed that "Some of the workshops proved to be very beneficial while others did not help at all."

FHA hosts Sampling Supper

Observation of National FHA week, a Sweetheart's ball and a sampling supper were the recent activities sponsored by the local FHA chapter.

The students council, with the FHA, sponsored the dance on Valentine's Day. A loss of \$12.50 was received as only \$150.50 was taken in at the door, while expenses totaled \$165. "The kids that were there had fun," said Brenda Uttecht, junior, "but I think the dance would have had a better turnout if they (the sponsors) would have gotten a disco that played up-to-date music."

C&L Disco provided the music at the dance. "The music was better than before," said Denise Eggers, junior, "and I think everyone had a good time."

FHA week went over "pretty good", according to Amy Gjesdal, adviser. "For a first try at it, our activities seemed well supported."

Activities that took place during the week were the hanging of the FHA banner, red and white day, heart day, lucky charm day and a presentation of a film entitled, "The Emmitt Smith

Story." Announcements of the activities were made each day over the intercom by FHA officers, Brenda Buck, Brenda Zomer and Julie Baier.

Also during the week home economics classes featured demonstrations on cake decorating and slow cookers by

Jan Eggers and Karen Petrik, Douglas County extension agent, respectively. FHA history and degree work was explained by Gjesdal at the end of the week.

FHA members combined efforts with the local home in raising money for the American Heart Association. \$133.83 was raised by members

collecting donations door-to-door.

The sampling supper was last Friday night in the elementary gym. Cookbooks sold featured recipes of all the food that was served.

The next FHA meeting is scheduled for March 23.



FHA officers who helped organize FHA week are Brenda Zomer, president, Julie Hoekman, historian; Gina Dockendorf, parliamentarian; Jeanine Ralston, reporter; Julie Gerlach, activity

leader; Julie Baier, vice-president; Kathy Kredit, secretary; Brenda Buck, activity leader; and Rhonda Plooster, treasurer.

Are we students being "edg-u-ka-ted"?

Are we students

Adequately preparing a student for post-secondary education is a challenging goal for high school instructors.

"It is a great responsibility," said Sandra Marler, English instructor. "I prepare my students by identifying individual weaknesses and attempting to correct that deficiency by assigning material that covers it. Above all, I try to give each student a solid foundation in the basics of grammar, composition and literature in order to offer the framework needed to succeed in the post-secondary education."

Marler feels that Corsica offers adequate courses in English; however, she feels that senior English, which is divided into two sections (general and college preparatory), needs to be more clearly defined as to the purposes and objectives of each section.

"As a rule," Marler continued, "I do not think that students meet my objectives. Because of the many different activities students are involved in today, students often compromise study and dedication to learning for the activities which seem to be more important at the moment. I would like to see a greater seriousness

shown toward learning. Through a greater appreciation for learning, students would ultimately measure up to the objectives I have set for them and for myself as an instructor."

Dallas Preheim, business education instructor, would like to have additional courses in the business offered. "I would like to see the addition of business law, business math, and Shorthand II," said Preheim. "This move would

"There is much potential . . ."

necessitate the hiring of at least another half-time staff member. With school costs continually going up and the tremendous financial pressure being placed on school boards these days, I doubt if this would be feasible."

Preheim divides his business department into two areas. Consumer education, Typing I and Accounting I are designed for personal use while Accounting II, office practice and shorthand are designed for vocational use.

"These advanced courses

strengthen and broaden the students' knowledge in the area of business," he explained. "Students entering these classes have expressed a desire to continue their education with an emphasis in business. We have designed the courses to meet the basic requirements of colleges, business schools, and vocational schools, and I attempt to introduce the necessary basic skills needed in business occupations."

Amy Gjesdal, home economics instructor, prepares her students for post-secondary education by talking about possible jobs in the fields studied such as child care worker and restaurant manager. Gjesdal feels that bachelor or single living education and eighth grade home economics are

needed for at least half a semester to round out the home economics department.

According to Gjesdal, "Students need to show more effort. There is much potential in the students, but it needs to be used. They need that extra push at times."

Norman Lien, science instructor, said that some of the students, those with a definite goal, meet his objectives. "They have the ability to sit down and think out a problem by themselves and can accept the responsibility to get things done on time. However, not all students are of this caliber," said Lien.

"I try to prepare my students for college by selecting material in the textbooks which I feel is relevant to material which will be

introduced in post-secondary education," said Lien. Lien feels that for the size of the school, Corsica offers an adequate number of courses as well as a versatile curriculum.

Linda Preheim, librarian, agrees that Corsica offers a good selection of courses but suggests that a foreign language class could be added to the curriculum. As librarian and library science instructor, Preheim tries to offer materials that students may need to further satisfy their interests in subjects used for reports, term papers, and other research. According to Preheim, "Students at Corsica do not do as much research as they should, because as a college student researching will be a large part of their education."



The three senior members of the journalism staff Laura De Vries, Julie Hoekman and Brenda Zomer are busily working on annual pages. Journalism helps students prepare for publication/communication careers.

Seniors voice opinion about school curriculum

"Although our curriculum is quite narrow it does offer a good college preparation," said Dennis Hup, senior.

"In my opinion," said Brenda Zomer, senior, "for anyone planning on going into the secretarial field, our high school has enough classes to prepare him/her. Their feelings have been reflected by the class as a whole since they feel that they are exceptionally well-versed in the business area."

Seniors Jim Beukelman and Dennis Hup said a foreign language class should be added to the curriculum, because most students attending a four year college will more than likely need to take a foreign language class.

Hup continued, "A course in Latin would have merit since Latin roots are used in scientific nomenclature. A good understanding of Latin would also increase the ability to learn and understand other languages."

"I feel the addition of computer science, home economics, and Accounting II have been beneficial to the school program," added

Beukelman, "but it may be time for the addition of a few more specified language and social studies courses."

The majority of the seniors also feel that they are lacking in the areas of social studies and some felt that shop classes could be expanded to include auto-mechanics and welding. Others said the school could offer a few more medical related courses such as human anatomy.

"We have the advantage of a devoted faculty," said Hup. "I think they have taken a personal interest in each student and have strived to help him/her gain the preparation that he needs."

The majority of the seniors agree that the student-teacher relationship at CHS is a definite advantage since they are given more attention and therefore have a better chance to fully learn and understand the material that is being taught.

...Yes!

Graduates lend advice

"Don't try to take the easy way out." "Always remember what you're in school for and take courses related to what you want to do." These were some of the feelings reflected by former CHS graduates now continuing their education.

On the average the graduates felt that they were well-versed in business courses; however they have found themselves lacking in such areas as the sciences, history, and math.

"It is up to each student to utilize the opportunities and courses offered," said one

graduate. "In order to be prepared for college the student must take it upon himself/herself."

"I wasn't as well prepared as I should have been," observed another graduate, "but it was partially my fault. I should have taken more of the harder math and science courses."

The graduates recommend taking advantage of the close teacher-student relationship present in small schools such as Corsica. They also stressed fully utilizing the school's career planning counselor.

Some of the graduates polled felt that most high school students shy away from the harder math and science courses. According to them this is a big mistake, they recommend taking all the math, chemistry, and physics courses possible for they are eventually needed in most fields.

On the whole the graduates felt that the curriculum offered at CHS is excellent. And if utilized fully by the students it will provide them with an adequate background to continue their education at most post-secondary schools.



Wyla Punt practices before a timed writing. Most of the students polled felt that they are well versed in

the business area, while they found themselves lacking in history and the advanced math and science areas.

One route left for playoffs

High school football playoff backers have only one route left, the courts, after two dead-end streets were uncovered out of the three available alternatives.

The playoff issue was defeated last fall by the school boards' vote. The vote showed 58 percent of the schools in favor, but a 67 percent majority was needed. The measure was also defeated by a narrow 18-17 vote in the senate three weeks ago.

Many people were upset at the outcome of the school board vote. According to the Argus Leader, Terry Slattery, chairman of the Be Fair to Football Committee, reflects that "only 42 percent of the schools voted against playoffs. That represents only 27 percent of the students in South Dakota. It's time for the legislature to step in when 27 percent can control 73 percent."

This discrepancy was caused when each school was allotted one vote only. Almost all of the large Class A schools voted in favor of the issue and; therefore, one "yes" vote represented an average of 900-1000 students. A small Class B school could log an equal-strength "no" vote and represent as few as 60-150 students.

There is much positive speculation as to the profit which a football playoff program could generate. Since the Dakota Dome, the indoor athletic facility on the University of South Dakota campus, went into use no high school football event there has shown a deficit after all costs were paid and participating schools were allotted a reimbursement for traveling expenses.

Mo Kelly of the Iowa High School Athletic Association says in the Argus Leader that \$95,000 is a representative net income figure for his state's football playoffs. They hope for more because, starting this fall, they

will be expanding to five classes. Minnesota pulls a net income of \$70,000 to \$95,000 from its playoff program which involves five classes. Nebraska has six divisions and nets \$30,000. North Dakota playoffs showed a profit in 1979 and again in 1980 after several years of small deficits.

Many South Dakota officials feel that the legislature should not dictate laws to the SDHSAA. According to the Argus, Mike O'Conner, Brandon Democrat who voted for the playoffs, said he received about 40 calls from constituents concerning the playoffs, with only two against them. "I believe in a simple majority vote on everything, but I also don't think in law we should tell the activities association what they should and shouldn't do. We do have the privilege and the obligation, though, to tell them the rules by which they are playing are not right.

"The big schools aren't represented on a one-man, one-vote basis. Frankly, that's why that terrible percentage comes along. It's very unfortunate," he concluded.

Now, there is but one hope left, the high courts.

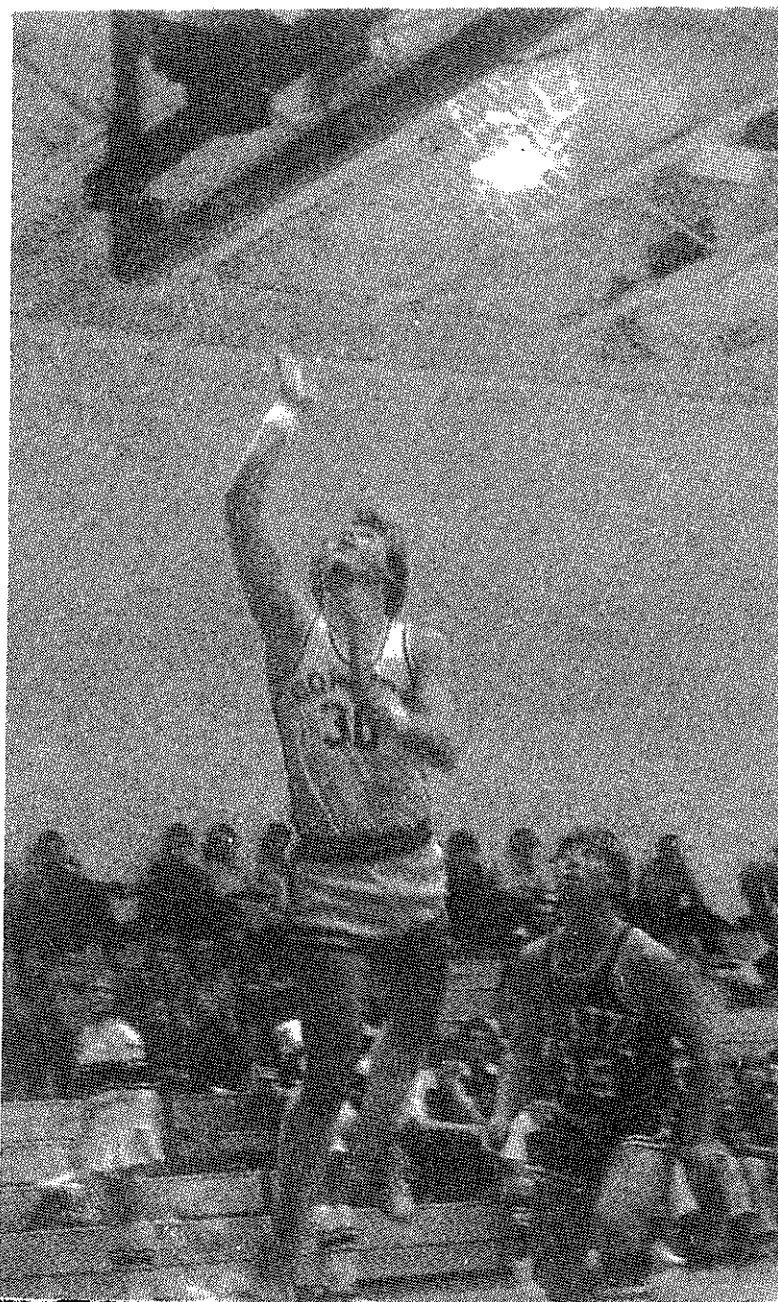
Already a small group of high school football players from Sioux Falls have brought the playoff case into court, challenging the constitutionality of the SDHSAA's prohibition of football playoffs and rumors say another case is in the making. If the first case fails, a panel of lawyers may bring forth a case representing over 100 Sioux Falls students.

Many young, promising football players feel that their chances of being noticed and recruited by college coaches are vital. Just as high school basketball players, wrestlers, tracksters, and many other activities participants have benefited from playoff recognition, football players also

feel they should be given their due opportunity.

Whether or not the courts mandate the activities association to sponsor football playoffs, many sports-minded cities of South Dakota will hold

strong to their beliefs that "We are number one." If football playoffs are instituted, then and only then, will one city in each class be able to hold fact to that statement. Until then, no one can be sure who really is the top team.



Senior Doug De Geest goes for an easy two, as the Comets outlasted the Plate Black Panthers by a score of 76-40.

JUNKYARD

JIVETALKER



the Comets and the Raiders of Stickney. I believe that Stickney will once again be attending the Big "B", but this time they will have to buy their tickets like everybody else. Corsica will defeat the Raiders by a 7 point margin.

The Comets will then go on to the championship round of the tournament to face either Plankinton or the Cadets of Dakota Christian. With both teams the Comets will not have too much difficulty. Before the night is over the Comets will be crowned District 27 champions, with no doubt in anybody's mind.

The future beyond this is still a bit cloudy, but I foresee the Comets bringing home the Region VII trophy, and then competing in the Big "B" out west in Rapid city.

Well, I guess this is my cue to say good-bye. I must admit I will miss writing for you undeserving and unappreciative people, but I'll get over it, and as time passes you might too. I have just this one last bit of wisdom to give to you in parting, "As you travel along the streets of life, make sure you watch out for pot-holes."

This is Junkyard Jivetalker saying "adios, amigos" to you all. It's been real.

My dearest fans, I suppose I must tell you this, because you will find out for yourselves sooner or later. The sad news is this: this will be the last issue of the FORUM, in which this excellent article will appear. I know this is hard for you, but just be glad that you, undeserving people that you are, have gotten the chance to comprehend a column this great.

But back to the business at hand, the Comets have now finished regular season play and are ready to compete in the annual District 27 tournament.

Corsica will obviously glide through first round action with virtually no problem, and I foresee another battle between



Tom Dockendorf drives through the lane past a Platte defender, on the way to scoring two of his 16 points.

14-4 record:

Seniors lead Comets

The Comet roundballers finished their regular season with a loss to the Armour Packers and ave compiled a respectable 14-4 slate with a tenth rating in the State B poll.

Corsica chalked up wins against Letcher, 74-59; Geddes, 79-64; Plankinton, 84-66; Andes Central, 86-62; and White Lake, 96-63. The Comets' last two losses came at the hands of Marion, 54-46 and the loss to Armour, 58-57.

The Comets placed second in the CBH Conference this season with a 7-1 mark, just below Stickney's 8-0 record.

Tom Dockendorf, Doug Olivier, and Chuck Noteboom have proved to be the offensive machine as they knocked in 20, 17, 14 points per game respectively. For the year this threesome has scored 893 of the team total 1209 points.

Olivier has also hoarded 11 rebounds per outing while Noteboom has nailed down eight.

Dockendorf and Doug DeGeest are also serving up four and three assists per game.

With District 27 play just around the corner the cagers are tightening their belts to get ready for the onslaught. On Tuesday night the elimination battle ensues between Stickney and White Lake. On Thursday night Corsica faces the winner and Dakota Christian squares off

against Plankinton. On Friday night the championship match is set for 8:30 p.m. preceded by the consolation round-up at 7 p.m.

Corsica should be considered a heavy contender for the championship crown, but no one can overlook defending champion Stickney. Corsica is highly optimistic about their chances of gaining a Region 7 berth for the first time since 1972.

Region V

Vocalists face strict judges

"For the most part, results were as I anticipated. There are always surprises at contests and the intangible involved is the judge," said Pam Buehner, vocal director, about the Region Vocal Music Contest.

Corsica vocal music department received eight superior ratings and 13 excellents at this contest in Lake Andes, February 4.

There were 15 soloists and 6 ensembles for the contest. Those receiving I's on their solos were Paul Beukelman and Lisa Gerlach. Donna Metzger and Laurie Gerlach received I's on their piano solos.

"... results were as I anticipated."

Leanne De Vries, Shelly Beukelman, Darla Markus, Brenda Zomer, Renee Peters, Wyla Punt, Vonda Zomer, Ardis Everson, Jim Beukelman and David Fey obtained II's on their

solos. Susan Bamberg was awarded a II for her piano solo.

The Boys' Ensemble, Girls' Miscellaneous Ensemble, Girls' Triple Trio, and Madrigal acquired I's for their performances.

"... the judging was far more 'exacting' ..."

The Swing Choir and Mixed Ensemble were given II's

"What many people do not realize is that goal we are expected to reach as musicians," said Buehner. "To help achieve a higher standard of excellence comes from demanding more from students. As a result, the judging was far more 'exacting' than other years. For example, last year all but 2 out of 20 schools received I ratings in the Swing Choir event. This year there were five I's, ten II's, and four III's awarded. Similar results were found throughout the other events."

According to Buehner, some of the vocalists really put their time and effort into the contest and some did not seriously work on it until the last minute. "Unfortunately, the ratings do not always justify this," commented Buehner. "In some of the ensembles, there was a fantastic display of enthusiasm; in others there was an apathetic attitude."

Buehner said that next year she would "begin working for the contest earlier, especially if it (contest) is that early in February. The increasing pressure of a perfect performance for a I rating will demand that the groups, particularly Swing Choir, practice and contribute more

concisely on a regular basis. The students need to realize more fully what is expected for a I."

Contest is competition against yourself.

"Contest is not competition against another school, but against yourself. How well you perform is inhibited by only one fact - your willingness to devote time, effort, and energy," concluded Buehner.

Stageband receives first superior rating

Twenty-four CHS instrumental students participated in the Region V Instrumental Contest in Kimball, February 11.

The soloists who received superior ratings were Ardis Everson, trombone; and Susan Bamberg, tenor sax.

The only ensemble to receive a superior was stageband which included Jim Beukelman, Brenda Uttecht, Perry Van Roekel, Julie Gerlach, Lowell Groeneweg, Carla Sipma, Anita Olson, Jerry Beukelman, Doug DeGeest, Ardis Everson, Cherie Bakker, Kathy

Kredit, Wyla Punt, Susan Bamberg and Julie Hoekman.

The soloists who received excellent ratings were Carla Sipma, clarinet; Jim Beukelman, trumpet; and Lisa Gerlach, bass clarinet.

The ensembles rated an excellent were saxophone quartet, flute trio, brass quartet, and clarinet quintet.

"I thought the stageband did extremely well," said Tom Vondracek, band instructor, "and everyone should be proud of the way the students represented the CHS instrumental department."

Coming Events

- February 24, 26, 27: District 27 tourney at Parkston.
- March 5, 6: Region VII tourney at Wagner.
- March 9: School Board meeting.
- March 12, 13, 14: Boys' State "B" basketball tourney at Rapid City.
- March 13: End of the third nine weeks.
- March 16: Parent-Teacher Conference. No school.
- March 17: St. Patrick's Day.
- March 23: Music Boosters at 7:30 p.m.
- March 24: PTO meeting at 8 p.m.
- March 24: Corn Palace Festival at Mitchell.
- March 26, 27, 28: All-State Band

Send To: