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## George attends State B's, South Dakota Super Bowl

State "B's", the super bowl of South Dakota makeup for some of the largest crowds in basketball across the state and high school students provide for the largest part of the crowds.

But a question arises as to whether or not these students are there to watch the games or to party. Let's take an imaginary student named George to the "B's" to see what really happens during those three or four days away-from home.

It's George's first year to go the "B's" and he and his buddies had reserved rooms already in January. It's quite a long trip to Rapid City, but if George planned it right, the brew should last the whole trip with a few stops along the way for refills. By the time George and his buddies reach Rapid City, they all appear to be in good spirits. Since its only Wednesday night and the games haven't begun yet, George decided to take a drive through the town which lasts until 4:00 in the morning. Finally George and the other guys head back to the motel room where they find 30 kids giving them a welcoming party. After a couple of hours of beer and poker, George and the 30 or so kids decide it's time to catch some sleep. What could be better than sleeping in the bath tub with your nose between somebody's feet? After trying to recover from the party by eating at some greasy fast food joint, George and his buddies proceed to take in some of the action that Rapid City has to offer. After faking his I. D. to get into a triple x movie, George is off to a swinging topless waitress bar. With maybe just a few too many drinks, George can't seem to find his way back to the motel.

Nothing lost. George finds the floor of his car and a six pack for a pillow to be very "soothing" place to sleep.

It just wouldn't seem right to go all the way to Rapid City and not go "sightseeing" in the Black Hills. So George decided to spend a day or two touring the Hills. First, George heard there was a party on top of Mt. Rushmore (last one up Abe's beard is a warm case of beer) and then George took a little excursion through the town of Deadwood so he could try to relive the days of the wild west. After his trip to Deadwood though, George made Wild Bill Hickock look like a nun. George seemed to have forgotten that they don't allow horses down main street anymore.

George couldn't figure out if it was the fresh clean mountain air or the grass some college kid gave him, but he sure felt good. Unfortunately its Sunday and time to head back home. Well, the trip just wouldn't be complete without a drive through the Badlands on the way home. They looked nice, especially at 75 mph around the curves. George pulls into Corsica about the time that his head is spinning counter clockwise to his stomach. George can think of only one thing. His bed. As he trudges up the stairs to sleep forever, his mother calls out, "How were the ballgames?"

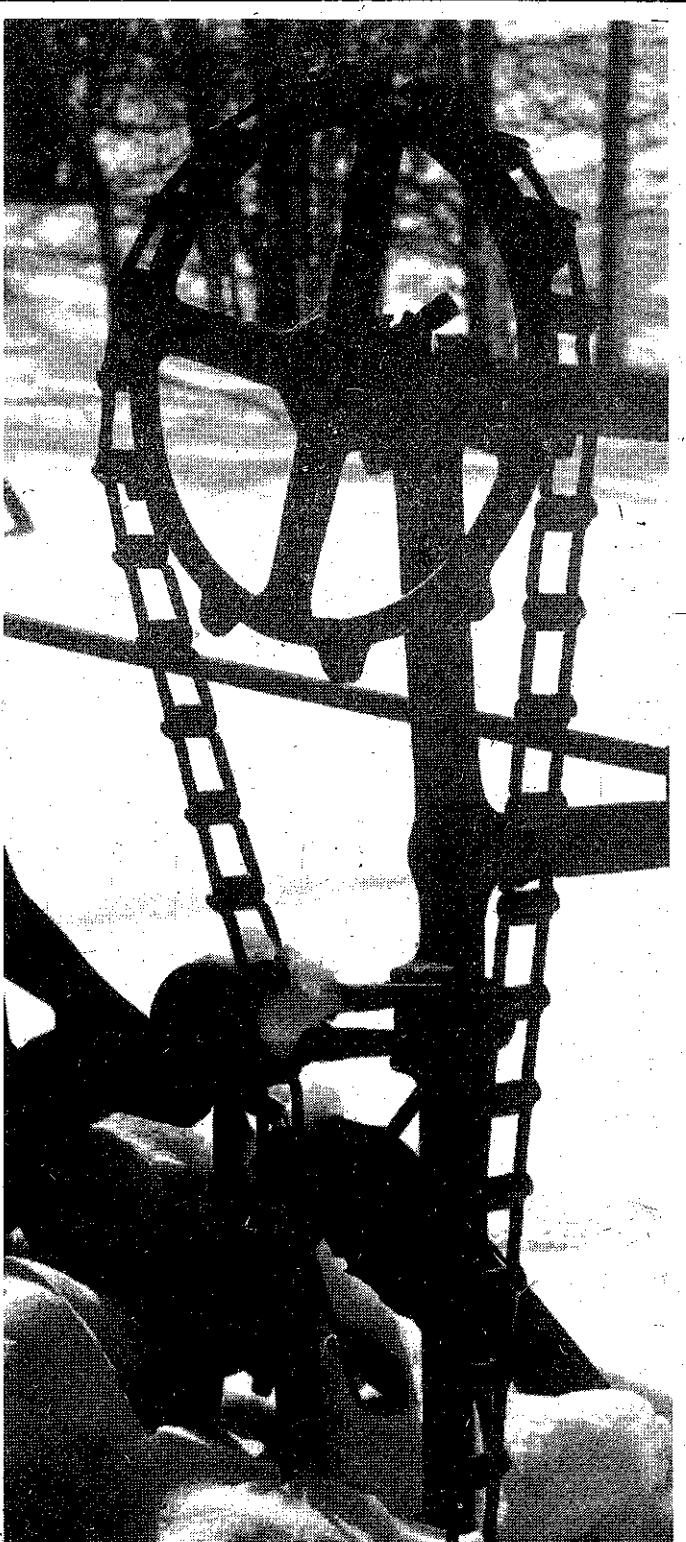
"Oh, they were okay," George replies. Ballgames? George thinks to himself. What ballgames?

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### PHOTO

These mechanical works of the past were our building blocks of today. For more pictures of our agricultural heritage, turn to page 4 & 5.



## Sophomore English class devotes time to speech

During the last semester, sophomores are using their English period for speech class.

According to Wayne Wieseler, English teacher, the reason sophomores are working with

speeches is to prepare them for speaking before the public after high school. Some students won't go on to college and this may be the only time they will ever have any formal speech training.

The sophomores began the class by forming a human assembly machine, taking people and putting them into an assembly line with each person doing

something different and the whole group doing something together. Eventually they will divide into smaller groups until only one person is speaking in front of a group of people.

They will be having at least three very organized formal speeches from three to five minutes. They will also be doing debates, pantomimes, and declam

readings, and they may be putting together a children's theatre. They will be writing the story, making the puppets, and creating everything that will be in the theatre.

## Representative lectures class on January 24

Corsica photography class was addressed by a representative from Baird Photography on January 24 at 2:45.

The representative discussed to the class of five about portrait photography. He told how lighting was used in taking portraits, different ways of posing, and the problems of portrait photography. The class also tried to take pictures.

Wayne Wieseler, photographer instructor, invited the studio photographer from Baird Photography. Wieseler said, "I think it was a very good presentation for such a short time. The students learned the basics of portrait photography which many students in South Dakota high schools don't have the opportunity to explore."

## CHS Teachers believe take home pay not sufficient

None of the CHS teachers interviewed feel that their take home pay is equal to what they deserve. This is one of the things the teachers will be negotiating for Feb. 26.

A teacher's pay schedule is set up where beginning teachers receive a set wage. For every year of experience and extra education beyond a bachelor's degree, the teachers receive a certain extra percentage of the base.

Take for example Teacher "X" who has been teaching for three years and has added 15 credits to his education. He would receive on the current pay schedule \$8000 plus four increments or 16 per cent of the base.

The negotiated pay increases are figured by teacher experience, work load and cost of living increases. These are all balanced against the school district's ability to pay.

The two teams are discussing the base salary and according to

Rose Bakker, school board negotiator, this should be settled next month when they meet.

Both teams are keeping their negotiating proposals confidential until negotiations resume.

"We (the teacher negotiators) are going to make sure that the teachers will make equable wage with other degreed professional people," Wieseler said.

According to a recent study there is a shortage of 213 teachers in the state of South Dakota and by next year it is predicted to rise to 500 or more. But it is costing more and more to run a school system with the cost of inflation rising each year.

The members of the two teams negotiating are (teachers): Dan Backlund, Wayne Wieseler, Maribeth Hoek, and Norman Lein. Members of the school board are: Herb Uttecht, Leonard Peters, Rose Bakker.

### THE FORUM

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# No one movie attracts all audiences

No one type of movie seems to produce the best audiences, according to Jeff Logan, General Manager of Mitchell Theatre Corporation.

Comedies and escape adventures seem to go over best in this area. "Jaws" netted the highest attendance figures for its four-week run. Other shows that have run four weeks in Mitchell theatres include "Smokey and the Bandit", "Grease", and "Star Wars."

How is it decided whether or not to hold a show over? According to Logan, "It's very simple--attendance." To meet overhead

costs such as payroll, utilities, and taxes roughly 1000 people a

week must attend a show to meet the break-even figure.

There is no average cost for running a film. The films are paid for by a percentage of ticket sales. The least paid for a film will be 25 percent of the ticket sales. This will go on up to 90 percent for some of the big hits such as "Grease", "Star Wars", and "Superman".

The selection of films for the approximate 30 mile drawing radius is rather limited. Only 154 new films were released in the United States in 1977 compared to 497 in 1941. With two theatres in Mitchell there is really very little choice. Nearly every movie is run simply to fill the available days a year. With the average run of a

film one week the theatre corporation shows about 104 new films in the Roxy and State Theatres each year plus about 25 new films shown at the Starlite Drive-In Theatre in a season.

When will a Mitchell theatre get a film? This depends on the number of prints made. Anywhere from 350-1000 prints are produced. The film makers will naturally open first in the bigger cities where a show may run for

26 weeks. After that they will send it to theatres able to play it for 12 weeks and then sell it to the four week run theatres. Movies such as "Every Which Way But Loose", "Jaws", "King Kong", and "Smokey and the Bandit" opened in Mitchell the same time as the big cities because 1000 prints were made, so a more even distribution to the 15,000 U. S. theatres was possible.

## Resignations accepted at regular board meeting

Letters of resignation from teacher JoAnne Ebeling and School Board member Florence Everson were read and accepted at the school board's regular meeting held February 12.

Everson had resigned for personal reasons and the board decided to appoint a person to the vacant position at its next meeting. Ebeling's resignation

will take effect after this year. Superintendent Neil Hall said that Ebeling resigned so that she might work in a different field other than education next year.

A vacancy had developed in the second cook position. It was reported at the meeting that there will be no need to advertise for this position, because lunch room workers Irene Olivier and Judy Renshaw will share this position for now.

In other business the board decided materials such as bleachers, walkway lights, and

paving will be set up as bids that the board will advertise for by themselves. The board decided to investigate the possibility of purchasing bleachers for the new gymnasium from the University of South Dakota (USD).

## Corsica students place at contest

Two Corsica students received Best Supporting Actress Awards at the Division One-Act Play Contest at Gregory on January 24.

Cherie Bakker and Jeanine Ralston, freshmen, received awards for their role in "The Tale That Wagged the Dog". The cast made up of Sheryl Beukelman, Jim Beukelman, Cherie Bakker, Marcia Olson, and Jeanine Ralston were also accompanied by the make-up crew, Cheryl Bamberg, Lori Gruenewald, and Kathy Kredit.

Bakker and Ralston were judged on how well they portrayed their character. The three judges were from Yankton College and the University of South Dakota State at Springfield.

## Close to the earth

"Boy, if only I can get my high school diploma, I would have everything." Just how many times have you heard your fellow classmates and friends say this with a 'pot full of gold at the end of a rainbow' look in their eyes? Well, I have some bad news for these people. A high school diploma may not be enough to compete in today's world anymore.

When the graduating class of 1972 went to the graduation ceremony, they selected an adaptation from an old Chinese proverb which said, "We have just completed the first step in our journey of a thousand miles," as their motto. Little did I or my classmates fully understand the true implications of this saying. Thirteen out of the 14 fellow graduates eventually went on for more education and experience in colleges, vocational/technical schools, or special training courses. They realized that they didn't "have everything".

Last year out of the 24 graduating seniors 11 went on to further their education. They apparently didn't feel that they had "everything".

Today, in our highly technical and specialized world, industry and agriculture are demanding more from labor. Our agriculturally-bound students do not know enough about fertilizers, pesticides, and weed killers to cope with contemporary farming. Nor do they understand the use of drugs to care for farm livestock. Our high school grads cannot run complicated tuning mechanisms used in the manufacturing of highly evolved automobiles. High school has not and cannot specially-train its students to prepare them for these challenges. Neither time nor money permits this.

We need more than what a piece of paper offers us. If we think our learning ends on high school graduation day, we won't be able to compete with others who think it doesn't. At one time it was more than possible to drop out of school and educate yourself into any career. Now, when our formal education is finished, successes and failures are decided by the mere fact of how willing we are to continue to educate ourselves.

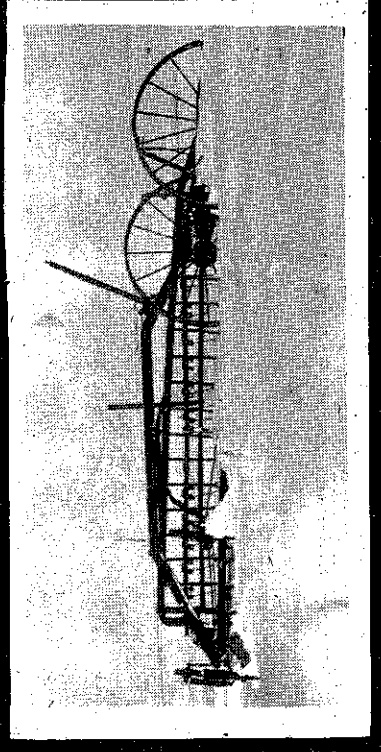
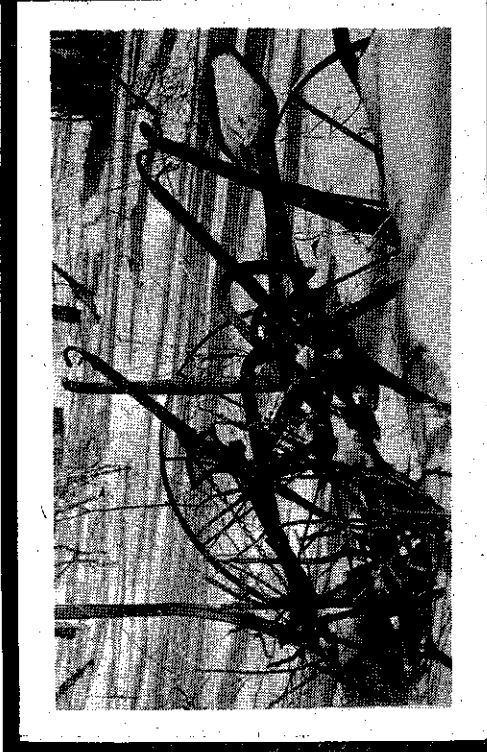
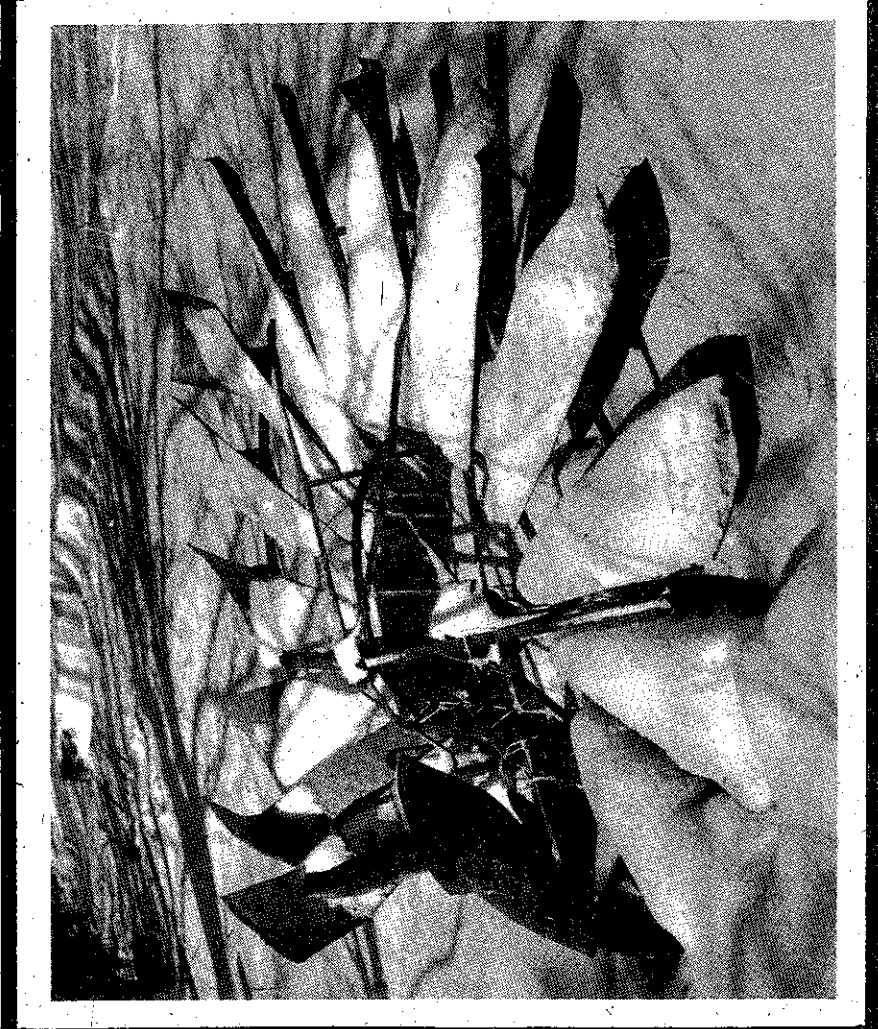
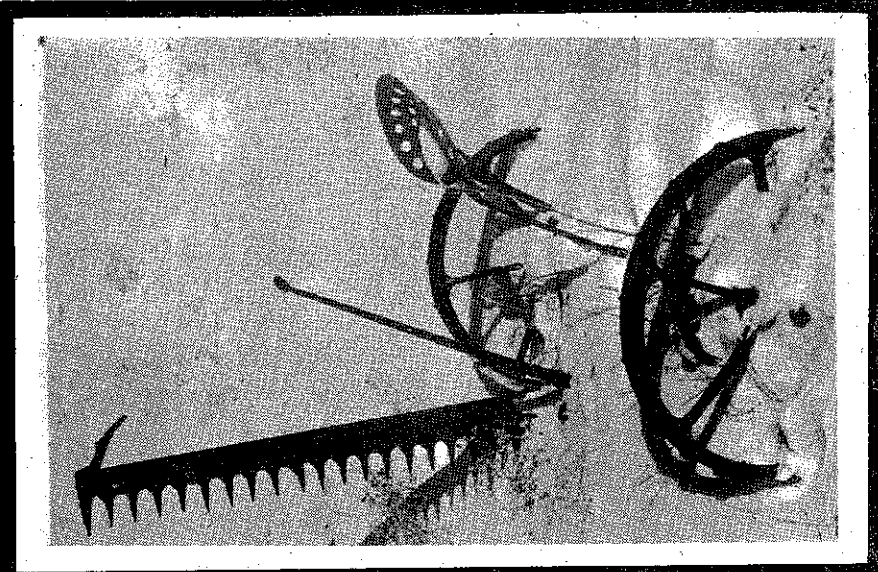
It is not improbable that a high school graduate can be a success. But it is probable that a person will fail if he is satisfied with himself at the station that he is in when he steps out of the secondary school doors.

So we are working on our first step in a thousand miles--- that's a long road to look at to "have everything".

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**C**ornerstones of time etched  
into lines of age, concealed  
memories, faded dreams. Hanging  
dangerously on the brink  
of the past, that which is ancient  
reminds us of a heritage, a day,  
a time when settlers roamed

the prairies in search of home.  
When Indians knew freedom.  
Those who remained found  
the treasures of the prairie,  
Badlands, Black Hills,  
lakes and streams..  
unspoiled playgrounds,  
places to grow.



## REVIEWS FOR YOU

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# SUPERMAN

He is still able to leap tall buildings at a single bound and run faster than a locomotive train. The man of steel is back in the long-awaited epic movie, *Superman*.

The story follows Superman from his childhood on the planet Krypton to his adolescence in a small farm town on Earth. He eventually winds up at the Daily Planet as Clark Kent, the mild mannered reporter.

*Superman* is ambitious entertainment made up of old-fashioned adventure and lavish special effects. The film, however, suffers from careless editing. There are several superfluous scenes that distract from the fun. Actually, the best part of the movie is not the expensive effects but the witty dialogue and wonderful performance of Christopher Reeve as Superman.



The caper Superman is working on concerns the evil Lex Luthor and his plan to destroy California. However, the more interesting story involves Superman's romance with Lois Lane. There is one marvelous scene where he flies Lois around New York.

*Superman* is a fun movie that should please adults as well as kids. It is the rare motion picture that brings out the child in all of us.

## Cagers end season 14-4

Corsica boy's basketball squad ended regular season play with a 14-4 mark and placed second in the CBH Conference with their only league loss coming at the hands of arch-rival Stickney.

Teamwise the Comets have totaled 1312 points on the year which is 73 points per game. This has been accomplished on 52 per cent field goal shooting. Although Corsica has been hitting well from the field they have been struggling from the charity stripe. They have connected on just 178 of 316 attempts which is a paltry 56 percent. The Maroon Machine has cleaned the glass for 687 rebounds which is 38 boards per outing. Defensively the Comets have given up 1121 points. This is an average of 62 points per game. With Corsica dropping in

73 points a game their average winning margin is 11 points.

Individually Jeff Hamburg has been the main cog in the Comet attack. He has connected on a superlative 69 per cent of his field goal attempts. This extraordinary percentage has led him to a 17 point average. Tom Dockendorf and Tim Noteboom have given Hamburg considerable help on the offensive end as they are knocking 15 and 13 points per game. Brian Jendersee and Bryan Bakker are both dropping in nine points a contest.

On the defensive end Hamburg is again leading the way as he has ripped down 178 rebounds which is 11 boards a game. Noteboom and Jendersee followed closely with eight and seven rebounds respectively.

About 35 kids from Corsica will be participating in the South Dakota Youth Wrestling Tournament to be held at Mitchell, March 3.

The tournament, sponsored by the South Dakota Wrestling Coaches Association and the United States Wrestling Federation, is open to boys first grade to 16 years of age who did not compete in a class A or class B state tournament. The wrestlers will wrestle kids their own age and weight.

Corsica wrestling coach Dan Backlund will be coaching the grapplers. Backlund will be assisted by four varsity wrestlers. They are Bryan King, John Engelland, Kevin Fey, and Doug Beukelman.

"It gives them a chance to gain some wrestling experience before they get into higher competition levels, and also simply to have fun," Backlund said.

## Corsica kids to participate in wrestling



## Pathetic Prophesier

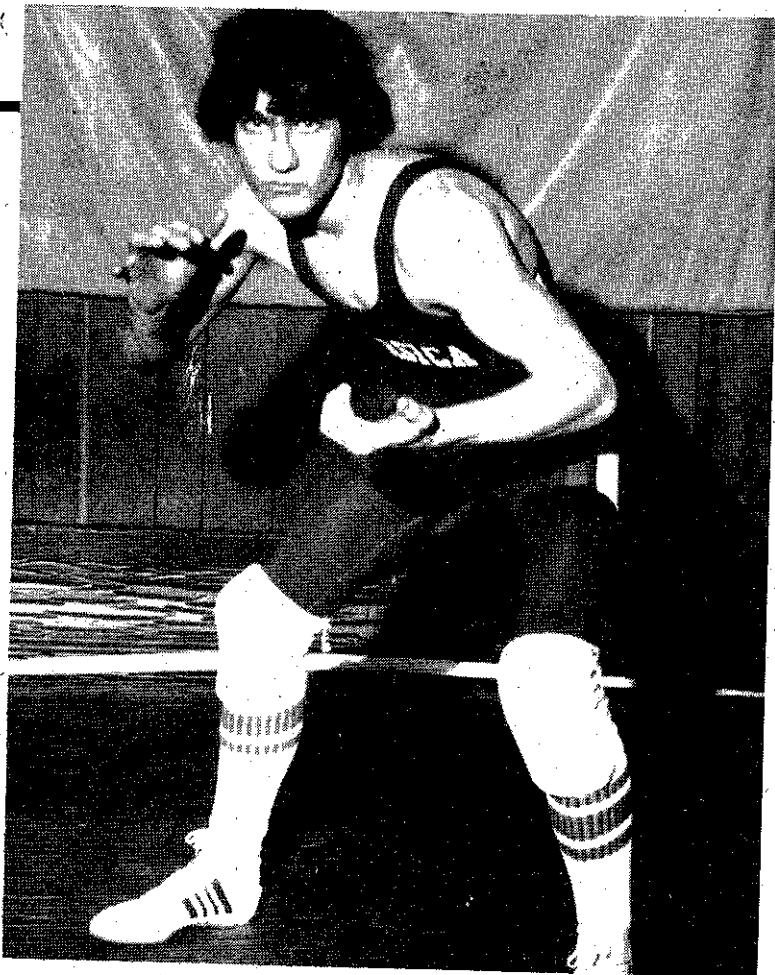
Since this is my last opportunity to write this esteemed and well-known column I am giving you, my loyal fans, the chance now my real identity. All you have to do to know the identity of this famous and star-studded prophesier is appear before Wayne Wieseler and simply inform him of your choice. You must better have the correct answer as you have but one chance to guess who I am. If you are the first one of my worshippers to

certain my identity you will win the grand prize, the highly esteemed, the most wanted piece of information in this area, a year's subscription to the FORUM. (You have to take it, Void is prohibited by law). Excluded from this contest are Tom Kendorf, members of the faculty and administration, and for certain people.

The reason that this is the last column, you probably all know why, is a person of my talent has nowhere to go but up. My Greek decided instead of competing against me, we would join up. I agreed. He bought into my corporation and we are making more money than ever now that I am the one casting outcomes of various events. As you probably have heard, I am a very modest person with a small ego considering my many great accomplishments in the world of casting.

## Pathetic Prophesier

All fan mail should be directed to WW in the English



Dave Buck made a valiant effort to make the State wrestling tourney but Burt Andersh stuck him in their second overtime period. Buck retired with a 16-4 record for the year.

## Comet wrestling squad ends disappointing season

Corsica wrestling team ended its disappointing season with neither Bryan King nor Dave Buck placing in the top four positions at the Regional Tourney at Wagner, February 10.

At the regional, King was pinned by Tim Andersh of Wagner and was decisioned by Gary William of Woonsocket in the wrestlebacks. Buck pinned Shaun Zanter of Freeman in 3:08. Buck's next match was against Burt Andersh, second-ranked in the state. Buck stuck with Andersh for five periods before Andersh pinned him with 1:49 left in the second overtime period.

"It (the wrestling season) wasn't as good as I expected it to be, however, with the individuals I

did have, we wrestled pretty well," Coach Dan Backlund said.

Backlund said that next year's season "will be a rebuilding year. We'll lose a lot of our heavier weights. However, a lot of juniors and a couple sophomores will be back."

The following are the final records of the wrestlers:

- 98 lb. - Doug Beukelman, 7-6
- 105 lb. - Bryan King, 13-8
- 112 lb. - John Engelland, 2-11
- 119 lb. - Dave Buck, 16-4
- 126 lb. - Doug Gruenewald, 6-10
- 132 lb. - Kevin Fey, 5-11
- 138 lb. - Terry Van Maanen, 2-12
- 145 lb. - Darwin De Vries, 9-7
- 167 lb. - Keith Niewenhuis, 12-5
- Hwt. - Mark Bormann, 4-12

## Vocal music contestants

### capture awards at contest

Corsica Vocal Music Department received 13 superior ratings, eight excellents, and one good at the Regional Vocal Music Contest in Lake Andes on February 7.

There were 16 soloists and six ensembles for the contest. Those receiving I's on their solos were Sheryl Beukelman, Suzanne Fisher, Jim Beukelman, Lisa Gerlach, Carmen Zwart, Leanne De Vries, Cindy Olawsky, and Curt Wagner. Kim Van Roekel, Doug Beukelman, Ardis Everson, Doug Olivier, Brenda Zomer, Shelly Beukelman, and Jerry Beukelman received II's and Renee Peters received a III.

Lori De Vries, Sheryl Beukelman, Suzanne Fisher, Leanne De Vries, Carmen Zwart, and Nancy Spaans received a I in Girl's Miscellaneous. Boy's Ensemble involves Jim Beukelman, Mark Bormann, Lowell Groeneweg, Doug Beukelman, Curt Wagner, Doug

Olivier, Jerry Beukelman, John Engelland, and Kevin Fey which received a I. Sheryl Beukelman, Lori De Vries, Carmen Zwart, Suzanne Fisher, Jim Beukelman, Doug Beukelman, Doug Olivier, and Jerry Beukelman received a I in the Mixed Octet.

The Madrigal which involves Sheryl Beukelman, Lori De Vries, Jackie Star, Lisa Gerlach, Carmen Zwart, Nancy Spaans, Ione Star, Shelly Beukelman, Doug Beukelman, Jim Beukelman, Mark Bormann, Doug Olivier, Jerry Beukelman, Kevin Fey, John Engelland, and Brad Zomer received a I. The Swing Choir also received a I at the contest.

## Instrumental Dept. earns two superiors

Two I's were received at the Regional Instrumental Contest in Mitchell on February 14 under the direction of Miss Marilyn Smith.

Lisa Gerlach received a superior rating on her clarinet solo and the clarinet trio consisting of Pam Bye, Carla Sipma and Lisa Gerlach also was given a I. Those earning II's were Jim Beukelman, Clarinet Quartet, Cheryl Bamberg, Ardis Everson, Cornet Duet, Suzanne Fisher, Sax Quartet, and Marcia Olson with a II plus. The Flute Quartet merited a III, and Nancy Spaans earned a III plus.

## school briefs

### Hoek attends music conference

Mrs. Maribeth Hoek, CHS vocal music instructor, attended the annual South Dakota State Music Conference held at the South Dakota State University, Brookings, February 8 - 10.

Every day there were different sessions. The Choral Sessions were Thursday, February 8. Choirs of various schools in South Dakota gave presentations. Friday, Feb. 9, was the string teachers sessions, the elementary-junior high sessions, and the Bandmasters sessions. Various concerts were performed. Saturday more concerts were given. Many music professionals from all over the United States were at the Conference.

### Money lost at disco

Instead of hiring a Disco service to play at school dances, the next dance will use the school's stereo for entertainment.

The disco brought in \$101 which was \$79 short of what the disco and disc jockey cost. The disco cost \$150 and Dave Bordewyk and Curt Wagner each received \$15.

According to Dave Krull, Student Council adviser financially the last disco dance was a failure, but the students that were there enjoyed themselves.

### Pops Concert to be held March 22

Corsica high school's annual Pops Concert will be held March 22 in the gym.

According to Marilyn Smith, band director, the Pops Concert is lighter and more popular music. It also gives the Stage Band and Swing Choir a chance to perform. There may also be some vocal and instrumental solos.

### Pep Club loses money

CHS's Pep Club sustained a loss of \$92.05 in the selling of scarves and mittens.

This is because not all the scarves and mittens have been sold or paid for. The Pep Club has a surplus of two scarves and 40 pairs of mittens.

The Pep Club purchased the scarves for \$4.15 and sold them for \$4.50. The mittens were purchased for \$2.90 and sold for \$3.50.

"I'm disappointed in the people who have the scarves and mittens and who haven't paid for them yet," said Shirley Olson, Pep Club adviser.

## Coming Events

March 1-2: Boy's Region Seven Tourney at Wagner

March 5 - Assembly Program, Variety, 9 a.m.

March 8-10: State "B" Boys Basketball Tourney at Rapid City

March 12: School Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.

March 13: Teachers meeting, 3:45 p.m.

March 15: PTO-Music Boosters, 7:30 p.m.

March 16: End of third nine weeks.

March 19: Assembly Program, "Vocal", 2:30 p.m.

March 22: Pops Concert, 8:00 p.m.

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