

## Multi-district Speech and Hearing Program Planned

The school districts of Platte, Kimball, White Lake, Plankinton, Stickney, Armour, and Corsica have decided to form a multi-district program to provide special services for young people. This was the only financially realistic way to make such services possible. About three thousand children can be helped by this program.

This project was first discussed by the superintendents of the above schools in the fall of 1976. The program will actually be started in the 1977-78 school term. The project staff will consist of a certified school psychologist and two speech clinicians.

The psychologist will be the program director. He or she will provide psychological diagnosis and testing services, as well as information to classroom teachers about how they may deal with exceptional students in their classrooms.

The speech clinicians will provide diagnostic and therapeutic services for those individuals having disorders of hearing impairment, language and speech, articulation voice and fluency.

Test results from the USD Speech and Hearing Clinic, psychologists, and county nurses show that 15-20% of the students in the districts have speech and hearing problems. Less than 1% are now being served.

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## Girls Stater Selected

Paulette Vanden Hook has been named CHS Girls Stater by the Everson-Beukelman American Legion Auxiliary Unit 274. Denise Markus is the alternate.

Girls State, which is a week of government and citizenship training, will be held May 29-June 4 on the DWU campus in Mitchell.

The girls were chosen on the basis of leadership, character and honesty, physical fitness, scholarship, and cooperativeness.

## Tryouts for Spring Play, "Nut Factory," Scheduled

The spring play, directed by Miss Wagner, is just around the corner with tryouts to be held March 7 and 8 starting at 7:00 p.m. in the junior room.

The play will be a comedy entitled "The Nut Factory". It contains 18 cast parts, twelve females and six males. Crew members are needed for publicity, stage, make-up and lights. Also a student director is needed. He (she) must have been in the cast of a play, must be able to handle responsibility, and according to Miss Wagner "should be able to be a grouch." Those interested in student directing are to see Miss Wagner.

Before anyone can tryout for the cast or be on the crew of a play they must have a slip signed by their parents. These slips can be obtained from Miss Wagner.

Freshmen are especially urged to get involved in the drama department to gain experience for future years.

# Communication—The Answer?

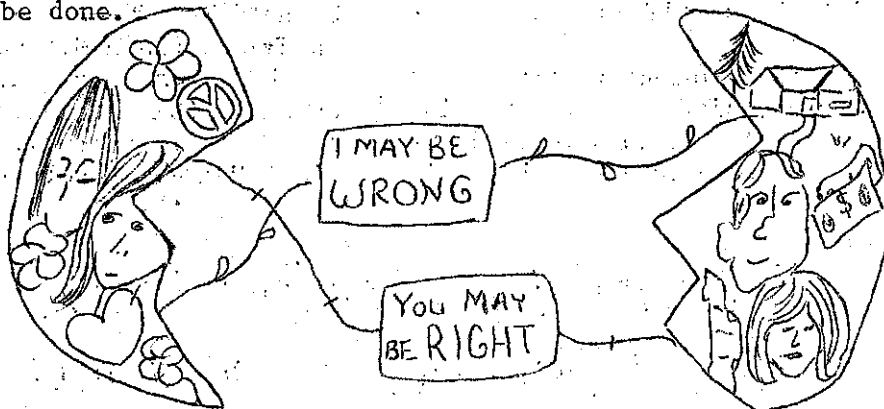
by Sandy Beukelman

If you were to ask people what they like or dislike about Corsica what reaction do you suppose you would receive?

First let's discuss the younger generation's responses. They feel that Corsica is doing very little in the way of entertainment for the youth. The expression "Boy this town is as dead as ever." is common among the kids. They want things to do in Corsica so they won't have to travel to other towns for their enjoyment. These kids are right; they know it and are proud of it.

Now let's look at the adults' side of the story. "Everything we try to make for those kids gets abused or damaged. They have no respect left for their elders. Instead of acting like responsible adults they play the role of childish six year olds." These adults are right; they know it and are proud of it.

No one from either of these age groups is willing to say "Maybe I'm wrong," or "Maybe you're right." Instead the gap grows larger. If they would talk to each other in a sensible manner maybe they would find that they feel the same in certain areas. The adults could maybe sympathize with the youth and vice-versa, eventually a compromise could be worked out giving each age group their own responsibility. Talking about the situation isn't doing anyone any good. Something needs to be done.



## Editorial Column

It was suggested by the students to include a column written by the teachers and administrators where they can voice their opinions and ideas. The staff has decided to try the suggestion out and see how it works. This column can be found on page three.

Many people are still confused as to why we have two school papers. We try to put out a paper every two weeks. This is a lot of work but if we would wait any longer than two weeks, the news would be too old to be interesting. The Comet's format is harder and takes much more time. That is why we make the CHS Notes - it is easier to put together. "Thanks" to all the students, teachers, administrators who took time to fill out the questionnaire handed out by the paper staff.

The staff has been receiving papers from fifteen to twenty different schools. These will be placed in the library for your enjoyment. This is also a good way to stay informed about what is going on in other schools.

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### The Comet

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# Letter To the Editor

We are writing this in regard to the editorial written by the seniors in the last issue.

We agree that there isn't a lot to do in Corsica but you who complain should look at yourselves. You seniors worked hard to get a dance at the Legion Hall. You were unable to do so. Then you seniors planned a record dance. Believe it or not, many people were looking forward to it.

The seniors cancelled it because Stickney had a dance. Do you realize that you are doing what you just finished complaining about? You are dropping activities that will keep the kids home.

We have no foresight into the future but we feel that the crowd at our dance would have been worth talking about. Maybe a record dance isn't as glamorous as a dance in Stickney with a band, but it would give the kids something to do at home, wouldn't it? That was what the main issue was about, wasn't it? We too feel that Corsica doesn't have much to do, but dances every once in a while, even if they are just record dances, would help. We no longer feel that the adults have the blame. You just did what you claim they did. You took entertainment from Corsica so we have to go to Stickney and other towns for it. Please think about this. We aren't condemning you for doing it, but maybe it's time to use little things like record dances to get a dance in the Legion Hall. Maybe it is up to us to prove we could handle one. Don't let something like this hurt the whole town's activities. If you want to keep activities home, do so yourselves.

- Some Fellow Students of CHS

## Notes From Mr. Hall

Note: This issue of The Comet is coming out about a week late because of the snow days we have had in the past two weeks.

Some of the problems that I feel we have had this year are a lack of concern and respect for the things that a school is supposed to be based on. A disregard for school property and property of others as well, the vandalism done in school without the students thinking and realizing that it is their parents and other taxpayers that must pay for the replacement of things that are destroyed.

I feel that there is a lack of loyalty and cooperation among our different athletic teams, it appears to me that one team resents another team, they don't

get along and show no support for each other, which makes it very difficult to build up pride and school spirit in the student body, which every school needs.

Finally I think there is a lack of respect for authority which every institution, government, or society so badly needs to make things go and function properly.

I would like to see our student body, faculty, and administration take more pride in building up our school, the spirit in school and finally our athletic teams bury the hatchet,

# Cheerleaders Say "Thanks"

The 'A' cheerleaders would like to thank the pep club for yelling at the games, making signs, and supporting the basketball team. We were proud of our pep club - especially when they would get really fired up. We think our pep club showed really good sportsmanship and school pride compared to a lot of the other school pep clubs.

We were proud of the basketball team we cheered for, too. The basketball players always controlled their tempers and remarks. Some of the teams' players had such poor attitudes and sportsmanship that we would not have even put forth an effort to support them at all.

It's true that CHS's school spirit is suffering - but it wasn't as bad as some others. The school may have lost some of its pride, but we think we have every reason to be proud of our basketball team and pep club!

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both boys and girls, and begin to pull and support each other. The idea that one sport is king over all the others has got to come to an end if you are to build up sportsmanship and good athletic teams. We need more students to participate in our teams also if we are going to have good ones. I also feel that some new facilities in our school district would do much to enhance the school spirit of our student body.

# Pisces Lack Worldly Ambition

by Wanda Oakland

If anyone should happen to see a Pisces behind a desk or at a typewriter, it would be a rare kind of fish. Very few of these people can stand being confined for long in one place.

There's little worldly ambition in these people. Wealth, power, and leadership hold little attention for a Pisces. They have nothing against money, but the only way they can accumulate large sums is by inheriting it or by marriage. "I don't want to be a millionaire--I just want to live like one," truly reflects the Piscean philosophy.

The Pisces are usually tiny, fragile, and exquisitely formed. Pisces eyes are beautiful and there is no other way to describe them. They are filled with all kinds of strange lights and shades.

Pisces people are wise to stay away from alcohol. Very few can leave it alone and often drown their troubles and sorrow in liquor.

The two fish in reversed directions symbolize the choice given Pisces: to swim to the top or to swim to the bottom and never quite reach his goals.

Pisceans at CHS are:

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| February | 21 | Brian Van Genderen   |
|          |    | Paulette Vanden Hoek |
|          | 23 | Doris Muilenburg     |
| March    | 1  | Cindy Bultje         |
|          | 5  | Glenda Vanden Hoek   |
|          |    | Ron Leischner        |
|          | 6  | Keith Niewenhuis     |
|          |    | Miss DeVries         |
|          | 13 | Ivan Brouwer         |
|          | 14 | Debbie King          |
|          |    | Rhonda Uttecht       |
|          | 18 | Barry Bordewyk       |
|          | 19 | L.E. Anderson        |



\*Note: Taken from Linda Goodman's Sun Signs

# From the Counselor's Office

Getting a foot in an employer's door by virtue of the right training and good grades is only half the job, according to a study of 114 employers by the Western College Placement Association. Equally important is the overall impression made during the initial interview.

For example, an applicant who establishes and maintains eye contact with the interviewer, who expresses a desire to be creative or innovative on the job, and who comes across as composed, cordial, cooperative, enthusiastic, and sincere is viewed positively. A clean and neat appearance is also a plus.

The use of slang (and especially obscenities) means points against the applicant. Other no-no's include asking the interviewer's views on matters unrelated to the job at hand and being shy, nervous, tense, quiet and skeptical. Shoulder length hair on male applicants is viewed negatively. (From Career News Digest)

Freshmen Kim Van Roekel, Brad Zomer, Suzanne Fisher, Karen Brouwer, along with several seventh and eighth graders, attended the District E Junior High Music Festival on February 16 at Mitchell.

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The juniors took in \$225 from concession sales at the Corsica-Armour game February 15. They also earned \$140 February 26 from their soup supper. This income will be used for the prom.

## News Briefs

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Dave Holstein and Craig Wagner visited USD-Springfield February 11. They toured the auto body repair program and were interviewed. Their applications of admission have both been accepted.

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The girls' miscellaneous group, girls' triple trio,

and the boys' ensemble sang at the Valentine's Day party at the Pleasant View Home.

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The seniors watched a program on financial aid on the educational television February 16. The film was on financial aids and various loan programs. Parents were notified by mail about the program. Mr. Adams said "People considering Vo-Tech, or college should be familiar with these different programs."

# Stickney Captures District Trophy, Comets Win Consolation Over Pirates

by Dave Holstein

The Comets ended their season February 25 taking third place in District 27 with a smashing 78-41 victory over the Plankinton Pirates. For two seniors, Mark Noteboom and Darwin Brouwer, it was the last time they would play in a Comets' jersey.

In the Comets' first game of the districts the Comets lost 75-62 to a very respectable Stickney team. The Comets started out with an impressive five point lead at the end of the first quarter but Stickney was not to be denied a victory. The Comets fell behind gradually and at one time came within two points of their foes but never could regain the

lead. Les Groeneweg led the Comets with 24 points followed by Darwin Brouwer with 17. Scott Muckey also hit double figures with 12 points. The Comets hit 27-61 for a good 43% in shooting. Les Groeneweg and Darwin Brouwer also led in rebounding with 16 and 13. For the Raiders Al Punt had 26 points and 10 rebounds

followed by Calvin Helmus with 18 points.

The consolation game Friday night started out a close game and ended in a big victory over Plankinton. The Comets had three men in double figures-- Mark Noteboom with 22 points, Les Groeneweg with 21 points and Scott Muckey with 11. Rebounding leaders were Les Groeneweg and Ivan Brouwer with 15 and 11. As a team the Comets shot 33-75 for 44% and brought down 56 rebounds. For Plankinton Dale Sauvage had 11 points and Doug Nowak had 12 rebounds. The Comets ended their 1976-77 season with a 12-7 record.

To the Editor:

The returning CHS wrestlers would like to thank the school board for letting us have wrestling next year. We hope we have more support next year than we had this year and will try to bring you a successful season.

-Wrestlers

## Wrestlers Finish 1-6

The Corsica wrestling team, under the coaching of first year mentor Everette Lanpher, finished the season with a dual meet record of 1-6. The Comets participated in two invitational tournaments during the year, placing sixth at the White Lake Invitational and fifth at the regions, Dave Buck, a sophomore who finished fourth at the district tourney, but did not place at the regionals. The honor of having the most pins during the year went to Bob Bamberg, heavyweight, and the honor of the quickest pin went to Dave Buck wrestling at 112 pounds. Individual season records are as follows:

Brian King 2-11  
Kevin Fey 1-11  
Dave Buck 16-5  
Brian Van Genderen 12-4  
Darwin DeVries 3-10-1  
Keith Niewenhuis 2-13  
Tim Engelland 5-5  
Dave Holstein 5-5  
Forrest Stredde 5-6  
Bob Bamberg 14-3

The Comets will be back next year with eight returning wrestlers, losing two seniors, Dave Holstein and Bob Bamberg.

## Comets Win 2-Lose 1

COMETS VS. LETCHER

The Comets played Letcher, February 11, on the home floor beating them 84-64. Mark Noteboom led the scoring with 21 points, along with Jeff Hamburg, Darwin Brouwer, and Scott Muckey shooting 19, 16, and 15 points respectively. Darwin Brouwer led rebounding with 12 rebounds, followed by Les Groeneweg with 10. The Comets also nabbed the B game 69-37.

COMETS VS. ARMOUR

Corsica fell to the Armour Packers 74-52 on the Stickney floor, February 15. Les Groeneweg led the Comets with 14 points, along with Scott Muckey and Darwin Brouwer 13 and 10. The B team won their game 60-28.

COMETS VS. PLANKINTON

The Comets snatched a 72-55 victory February 18, as the team traveled to the Plankinton floor. The leading scorer for the Comets was Les Groeneweg as he chalked up 24 markers, closely followed by Darwin Brouwer with 23 and Jeff Hamburg with 12.

Les Groeneweg led rebounding for the Comets with 13 rebounds. The B team won 48-27.

# Board Makes Decisions On Wrestling, Spring Break

by Kathy Kuyper

The school board took action on several items of student interest February 14 at the regular meeting.

The school board decided to continue the wrestling program for at least another year. Many parents of the wrestlers had commented that they were for keeping wrestling in the sports curriculum. There will be more home wrestling matches next year which will help reduce the expenses of busing and paying the referees.

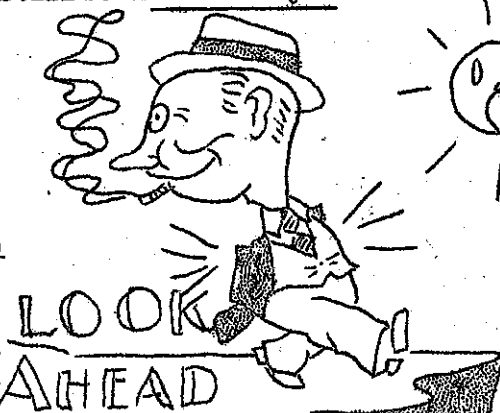
The Drama Club was given permission to buy new flats with the money left over from the 1976 musical "The Wizard of Oz". The flats will not be ready for the spring production, but the Drama Club will be constructing them until school lets out.

The spring break will be during the State 'B' tournaments again this year, March 10 and 11. If there are no more snow days, the school board will revise the school calendar so that May 19 will still be the last day of school.

The seniors have been granted senior privileges for the last nine weeks of the school year. They are required to be in class on time and maintain passing grades. As soon as a student starts flunking, he will be required to stay in study hall until the grades come back up. The tardy system will work the same as it does for other CHS students. If they are in the school building they must be in class or study hall.

Senior skip days will be allowed, providing the class has the funds, parent chaperones, and reasonable plans made for the vacation. It was also agreed that the sophomores of this year will be the last class to go on skip days.

Mr. Eric Adams reported to the board what plans the seniors have been making about what to do after they graduate. Six seniors have applied for vocational school and eight for college. As of now, no one is planning to enter the military. One senior has decided to stay home to farm, and two are undecided.



- March 4 - Assembly Program 12:30 (Tony Dee, Magician)
- 7 - Meeting to choose CBH All-Conference BB Players
- 7&8 - 7th and 8th BB Tourney (Home)
- 9 - End of the quarter
- 10&11 - Spring Break-no school. State B boys BB in Sioux Falls.
- 14 - School Board Meeting.
- 15 - Teachers Meeting at 3:45.
- 17 - Pops Concert at 8:00 p.m.
- 18 - Parent - Teacher Conferences. No School.
- 17-19 - State A Boys BB tourney in Sioux Falls.

# Magician To Appear At CHS Friday

Tony Dee will present his up-to-date magical performance at the school gym Friday, March 4 at 12:30.

With flash, color, humor and mystery, Tony presents a program for adults and youngsters of all ages. There is something for everyone, with plenty of audience participation. His entire performance leaves the audience with the feeling that they have been thoroughly entertained.

Tony is a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians and co-founder of Clowns of America, Inc. He has performed for Clyde Brothers Circus, the Children's Zoo, Baltimore, Maryland, and has appeared on television many times. His personal appearances have spanned the United States and Mexico.

Tony Dee will appear under the management of the Division of Independent Study, State University Station, Fargo, North Dakota.

Pops Concert  
is coming  
Thursday,  
March 17  
featuring  
Stage Band,  
Swing Choir

# TV Violence Protested

What would the reaction be if the television sets were turned off for a whole week? February 27 - March 5 marks "Turn the Television Off Week," when many churches and other groups will protest against the "pervasive violence and cheapened sex" on television.

The project was started by Rev. Donald E. Wildon of Southaven, Mississippi. He said people were just fed up with all the trash that was put on television. "Now we are no longer asking. We are telling them." We are going to hit them in their pocketbooks. If the networks won't respond, the battle has just begun. We won't quit until we get results," stated Rev. Wildon.

More than 1000 churches, synagogues, and civic associates throughout the country plan to participate in the protest and more than 10,000 are expected to join.

Rev. Wildon cited figures that the average child, by the time he or she has completed high school, has witnessed 18,000 TV murders. He said that there are some excellent programs, but much of television programming is distorted and antisocial.

A check with surrounding churches on the subject showed that although the subject had been brought up and discussed in various congregations, no definite action has been decided on. Participation in the week of blanked out TV screens would be on an individual basis.

# Juniors Take DEC Test

The juniors took the Douglas County Electric Coop Youth test February 28. The test was given to students of Corsica, Armour, Delmont, and Dakota Christian High Schools.

A winner and an alternate will be selected from each school. The winners of the contest will join others in South Dakota on an all-expense paid tour of Basin Electric Power Facilities in North Dakota June 22, 23, and 24.

In case of a duplicate score the winning score will be the one with the least erasures or corrections. All winners must obtain permission from parents or guardians to make the trip.

# Need a Job?

The United States Youth Conservation Corp will hire 68 youths, ages 15-18 to participate in a working-learning experience in 12 state parks and recreational areas in the state. The program is sponsored by the Division of Parks and Recreation, Department of Game, Fish and Parks.

Six separate programs will be offered this summer, some residential and some nonresidential.

The work which will be done is the clearing of stream banks, building trails tending fish hatcheries, constructing park facilities, studying animal habits etc. The enrollees will be paid the minimum wage for 30 hours per week.

Anyone who would like more information about these summer work programs should talk to Mr. Adams.

# Find the TV Shows

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