

THE COMET

Juniors Present Prom & Banquet

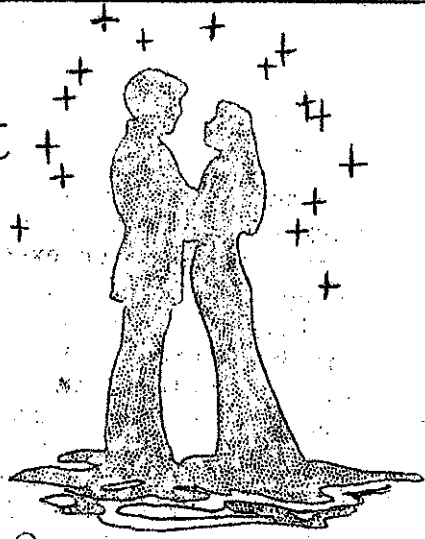
Precious Moments is the theme for this year's prom which is to be held tonight. The banquet starts at 6:30 with the juniors, seniors, high school faculty, administration, school board, and other school personnel invited. The dance begins at 9.

The swing choir will sing the theme song "Precious and Few" at the banquet. Jean Bormann, the junior class president, will do the welcome and read the prophecy and Delwyn Vreugdenhil, the class president, will read the class will.

Waiters and waitresses chosen by the junior class are Rod Van Roekel, Keith Niewenhuis, Dave Buck, Brian Jendersee, Lori De Vries, Connie Everson, Sheryl Beukelman, and Glenda Vanden Hoek.

King and queen candidates chosen by the seniors are Tim Engelland, Ivan Brouwer, Brian Van Genderen, Dianne Menning, Phyllis Olawsky, and Barb Peters. The king and Queen will be crowned about 10:15 p.m.

The band which will be providing music at the dance is "Contrast" from Sioux Falls. The juniors spent all week preparing decorations of dark and light blue for the event.



Precious Moments

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CHS Business Students Win First in CBH

Corsica business students took first place honors in the CBH Business Contest April 7 in Mitchell.

In the accounting division Paulette Vanden Hoek placed first. Ivan Brouwer and Scott Muckey placed third and fourth, respectively. Cheryl Beukelman placed first in shorthand with a take of 90 words per minute with 98% accuracy. Lori De Vries took fourth place in typing.

The students were accompanied by Mrs. Florence Brouwer and Mr. Kruse. Asked about the contest, Mr. Kruse said, "The results of the contest should show the high quality of students that participated."

Many Hours Put into Play

The product of many hours' work was realized by the cast and crews of "The Nut Factory" on April 14 and 15.

The nights of the performance were well attended with a total of 189 Thursday night and 232 Friday. A total of \$318.45 was netted by the drama club.

Miss Wagner's comment concerning the production was, "The cast of the play has shown great potential in that the people acting for the first time did an excellent job. We will surely miss the seniors next year when a musical is scheduled," Miss Wagner would also like to thank the cast for the corsage, memory book, and hard work on another successful production.

Teachers, Students Share the Blame

How well do students use what they learn in school? Today's students have learned the traditional skills of reading writing, and arithmetic, but they often do not know how to use these abilities in everyday life. Most 17-year-olds can read, write, and compute in well-structured situations but they have difficulty applying their knowledge in new situations. They don't do well on problems that require more than one step and can't organize their thoughts in writing. This indicates that the knowledge levels of 17-year-olds has slipped slightly over

the past few years.

Who should be blamed for this decrease in knowledge? Is it the teachers who fail to prepare the students or is it the students who just don't care? In my opinion the blame should be put on both instead of just one. Some teachers don't care if the students don't do their work because it's less papers for them to correct. Also, some teachers don't take enough time to prepare for the lesson and they take it for granted that the kids know it without it being explained. Nowadays people aren't learning everyday

things in school but are learning things of no concern to them if they don't plan on going to college.

I am not saying this is the teachers at CHS but this kind of teachers do exist

Some students don't do their work like they're supposed to because it's too hard, or too much, or they don't care if they do it or not. Also, some kids just come to school to have fun not to study.

In my opinion it is very important for a person to be able to apply his school learning to everyday life. In order for this to happen I think some cooperation is needed from the teachers and the students.

(Some information taken from the Daily Republic, April 16, 1977)

C.B.

Senior Speaks Out

When I remember back when I was a freshman, and looked at the upperclassmen, I remember feeling proud of our school. I couldn't wait to become a senior and continue being proud of our school. Now that I have reached that point in my life I feel let down and wonder if it was worth it. There is no respect or initiative left and the underclassmen no longer want to work for anything to better themselves. And why should they? They're doing and expect to do everything the seniors are doing.

The seniors were granted senior privileges and so
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far they have worked out very well. But it seems that everyone else expects to be able to run all over during their study halls and drive around at noon. It makes me feel like what's the point of school anyway.

I hate to think of what will become of this school if something isn't done soon. I think if everyone would just level with each other and not be afraid of what people thought of you if you spoke out for what you felt, something could be accomplished. Respect and a few rules have to be put back into the school or pretty soon it will be too late.
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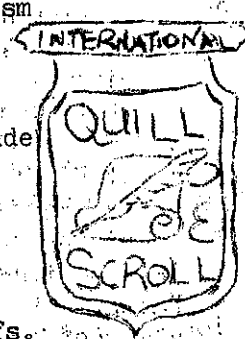
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Calendar Of Events

- April 22- Jr.-Sr. Banquet and Prom, Jr. High track meet at Platte.
- 26- Girls track at Stickney.
- 28- High School Spring Concert, Science and Industrial Arts Fair at 8:00.
- 29- Tyndall Relays
- 30- Girls track at Wolsey.
- May 3- Awards Night at 8:00 p.m.
- 4- CBH track meet at Mitchell.
- 5- Elementary Spring Concert at 8:00.
- 6- SAT tests and Howard Wood Relays at Sioux Falls.
- 9- Regular school board meeting.
- 12- Assembly program at 8:55 a.m.
- 13- Region Track meet at Mitchell.

Seniors Speak of Privileges

by Sandy Beukelman

In the very beginning when the seniors first were granted special privileges everyone wondered just exactly what they would do with their newly aquired rights. Without a doubt the administration, school board, teachers and the citizens of Corsica all had their fingers crossed as to what would develop. As of yet there is no sign of any cause for alarm. The seniors have been following the rules set up by themselves with the administration's approval, with only a few mishaps.

If anyone is wondering what exactly the seniors do during their free time, interests range anywhere from riding bicycle to working for an employer or parent.

Here are some replies from a few seniors who were asked, "What do you like most about your senior privileges so far?"

Cheeryl Beukelman - "I can finally go to the store and get some work done."

Delwyn Vreugdenhil - "I never have to come to school until 10:00."

Kathy Kuyper - "Now I've got a two hour noon hour."

Sharon Mullenburg - "You can run around. I can get all of my school work done."

Bob Bamberg - "You don't have to sit in study hall and you can do other things."

Wanda Oakland - "I can come and go as I please, it gives me more time to work on the paper, and I can go home when I want."

Craig Wagner - "Freedom."

Frenda Peters - "It gives me a chance to get away from school once in a while."

Handwriting Shows Personality

Introvert, Extrovert, Which Are You?

Are you an introvert or an extrovert? This is not a nationality or some type of disease. An extrovert is someone with an outgoing personality and an introvert is someone who is shy and keeps his feelings to himself. The personality that is between is called an ambivert.

Your handwriting is a good way to distinguish a person's personality. Here is how it works.

The person who slants his writing to the right enjoys meeting people and making friends with them. He prefers a crowd over being

by Wanda Oakland

alone too much of the time.

The backhand slant writing indicates the introvert. He is certainly not unfriendly, but he is very shy and tends to pull back and be hesitant to meet new people. He may be very affectionate and enjoy people but he is just too shy to take the lead and go out on his own.

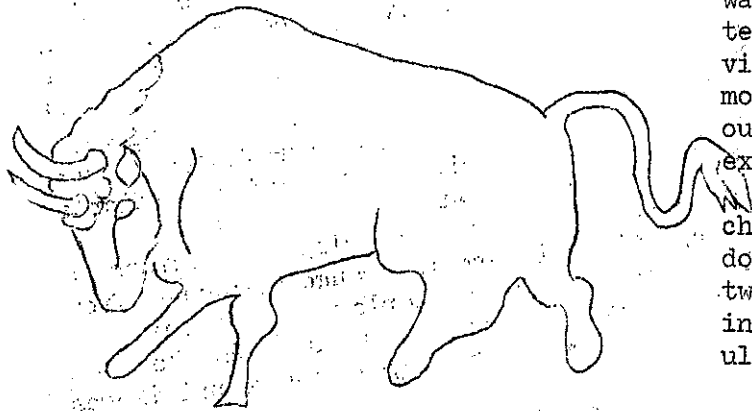
The ambivert falls in between the righthand slant and the backhand slant. He has vertical writing. This person has a very level head on his shoulders and isn't tipped one way or the other.

He keeps his emotions in check and they are pretty well balanced out.

When various directions of handwriting slant occur in a work it indicates that the person has changeable moods. One day he may be out going and sociable whereas another he may be very secretive and keep to himself a lot. This person is hard to get to know and is a puzzlement to everyone.

It might be kind of fun to try to learn a person's personality by the way he writes. Try it and see if it works!

Taureans are Solid, Strong, But Stubborn



Teachers Resign, Bus Purchased

Since the regular March meeting, the school board has met three times. March 21 and April 4 were special meetings to discuss teacher negotiations and the regular meeting was held April 11.

At the special meetings the board accepted letters of resignation from Eric Adams, Everette Lanpher, and Ms. Cathy Nelson. They also received a letter of resignation from Cora Beukelman, who has been the school business manager and secretary for eight years. The mandatory retirement age required Cora to resign.

At the regular meeting, the board agreed to pay the \$40 registration fee for two journalism students to attend the journalism workshop at SDSU in Brookings this summer. Those attending have to pay their own mileage, room, and board.

Two representatives from the Puetz Construction Co. from Mitchell discussed with the board their ideas for a new school building.

The school purchased a new school bus from Southwest Bus Sales to replace the one Keith Sprecher drives. The new 54 passenger bus has a Thomas body and an International chassis. It cost \$13,900 with a trade-in. It will come equipped with a radio, CB, and a safety-lock door. The 'Comet' script and probably a flying comet will be on the sides. It's expected to arrive this week.

Mr. Adams gave the board a report on his counseling services. From September 1 to December 22, 281 students visited him. 267 consulted him between January 3 and April 1. He also commented that the problem areas discussed the most are post-high school developments, grades and study habits, frustrations with parents, teachers, peers, and self, dating and sexual problems related with dating. Some things related to post-high school development are careers, schools, and marriage. The intentions of the seniors are as follows: college-8, Vo-Tech-5, National Guard-1, military-0, and undecided-3.

by Wanda Oakland

Taurus, the second sign of the zodiac, is solid, strong, and there's nothing that disturbs his tranquility. Once his mind is set he rarely changes it. The bull seldom rushes forward to bother anyone else; he just wants to be left alone. But as a warning to all—don't push him too far or tease him too much, or you're in for some violent rage. It usually won't happen more than once or twice a year...but watch out because it will happen when you least expect it to.

"A Taurus seldom worries, frets, or chews his nails. He may brood when things don't go his way but he's not the nervous twitchy type." He usually takes things in stride, and nothing will upset his regular routine.

There are many May males who actually resemble a bull. The Taurus woman is graceful and indolent, but there is also a suggested strength hidden within her. As for the males, the neck is thick and muscular. The shoulders, chest, and back are broad and strong. The Taurus will usually have wavy or curly hair. It's usually dark to go along with his skin and eyes.

The bull and his money are never parted. He isn't a millionaire, but he certainly isn't stingy with his money. His heart and pockets are always open to friends in real need.

"A Taurus is as patient as time itself, as deep as the forest, with a dependable strength that can move mountains and he is STUBBORN."

Taureans at CHS are:

- Delton Dockendorf...April 25
- Karen Brouwer.....April 27
- Mark Noteboom.....April 30
- Tim Engelland.....May 1
- Laura Noteboom.....May 1
- Sheryl Beukelman....May 3
- Carmen Zwart.....May 9
- Jim Olivier.....May 13
- Todd Gerlach.....May 13
- Craig Wagner.....May 15
- Jon Maunders.....May 21

Taken from Linda Goodman's Sun Signs.

CHS Tracksters Attend Three Meets

The Comet track teams recently attended the Raider Relays, Flyer Relays, and Corn Palace Relays. Listed below are the events the Comets placed in:

RAIDER RELAYS, STICKNEY, APRIL 12

<u>Events</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Runners</u>
120 yd. High Hurdle	4th	Darwin Brouwer
880 Relay	5th	Mark Noteboom, Darwin & Ivan Brouwer, and Rod Van Roekel
Mile Relay	4th	Mark Noteboom, Rod Van Roekel, Darwin & Ivan Brouwer
2 Mile Relay	4th	Scott Muckey, Dwight Plooster, Darwin & Ivan Brouwer

CORN PALACE RELAYS, MITCHELL, APRIL 16

880 yd. Relay	2nd	Darwin & Ivan Brouwer, Mark Noteboom, Rod Van Roekel
440 yd. Relay	3rd	Darwin & Ivan Brouwer, Scott Muckey, Rod Van Roekel
Sprint Medley Relay	3rd	Darwin & Ivan Brouwer, Rod Van Roekel, Dwight Plooster
Mile Relay	3rd	Darwin & Ivan Brouwer, Scott Muckey, Dwight Plooster
440 Relay	3rd	Kim Van Roekel, Cherie Bakker, Barb Peters, Sue Fisher
880 Relay	4th	Sheryl Beukelman, Deb King, Barb Peters, Sue Fisher
Medley Relay	5th	Sue Fisher, Cheri Bakker, Sheryl Beukelman, Barb Peters
Mile Relay	5th	Becky Weerheim, Sheryl Beukelman, Barb Peters, Deb King

FREEMAN FLYER RELAYS, FREEMAN, APRIL 19

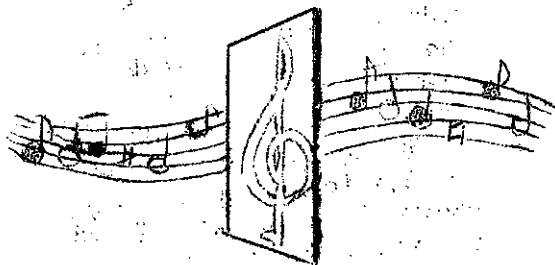
440 yd. Relay	6th	Darwin & Ivan Brouwer, Scott Muckey, Rod Van Roekel
100 yd. Dash	2nd	Suzanne Fisher
220 yd. Dash	3rd	Suzanne Fisher
440 Relay	3rd	Suzanne Fisher, Kim Van Roekel, Cheri Bakker, Barb Peters
Mile Relay	5th	Cherie Bakker, Barb Peters, Becky Weerheim, Deb King

RECORDS BROKEN SO FAR THIS TRACK SEASON

Medley Relay at Freeman run by Suzanne Fisher, Cherie Bakker, Sheryl Beukelman, and Deb King broke old record of 2:01.3 by 0:01.0 to raise it to 2:00.3.

Mile relay at Freeman run by Becky Weerheim, Sheryl Beukelman, Barb Peters, and Deb King broke the old record of 4:23.2 by 0:03.3 to the 4:20.5 mark.

ATTEND THE CHS



SPRING CONCERT,
SCIENCE FAIR, &
INDUSTRIAL ARTS SHOW
APRIL 28, 3:00

Seniors To Skip May 2

If you the underclassmen, have been waiting for a day of school without the seniors, it will soon be here since the seniors will go on skip days April 30-May 2. They plan to leave early Saturday morning and get to Rapid City around 1 pm. Some tours are planned for the afternoon and possibly a movie for the evening. Sunday morning they plan to go to church and in the afternoon do some sight-seeing and spend the rest of the afternoon in a park, shopping, or just relaxing. A banquet is planned for the evening and will be on their way home Monday. The trip will be chaperoned by two or three parents.

News Briefs

Mark Macken will present his toe tapping music and display his comedy magic, unicycling and juggling on May 12 at 9 a.m.

Mr. Macken starred as "Wacky Macky" the Ice Clown of the 1976 Ice Revue in New Brunswick, Canada. He has appeared with "Manzini", the world's greatest escape artist, and performed with Rosco the Clown at the Gaslight Village Amusement Park in Lake George, New York. Mark and Rosco also starred in their own t.v. show "Up Up and Away" on WAST, Channel 13 in Albany, New York.

The Junior-Senior Tea sponsored by the Priscilla Club, will be held on April 25 from 3 to 5 p.m.

Dreams: Myths and Facts

by Sandy Beukelman

Who hasn't been told that eating rich foods before bedtime will cause nightmares? Or that a dream is over in the twinkling of an eye? These are just two of the common beliefs about dreams that scientists have investigated recently. Some of their findings are below.

Myth: Some people never dream. **Fact:** People who think they are non-dreamers are really non-rememberers, as has been proved by the electroencephalograph (EEG). No one has ever been found who doesn't dream at all. In fact, EEG readings show that the average person has five or six dreams a night.

Myth: No dream takes more than a few seconds. **Fact:** EEG readings indicate that the final dream of the night--usually the longest one -- can last up to 35 minutes.

Myth: Every object you dream about has a specific symbolic meaning--for example, a cat has been said to represent a woman. **Fact:** In every dream, it's the dreamer himself who sets the stage, supplies the props, and directs the action. And each dreamer is an individual with his own experiences, feelings, and set of symbols.

Myth: All of our dreams are in black and white. **Fact:** Almost certainly not. This myth probably became a popular belief because dreamers frequently aren't sure when they wake up in the morning whether a dream they've had was in color or not. Researchers have found, though, that if they interrupt a subject's dream, about 80 percent of the time he'll be able to remember some of the colors in his dream.

Myth: Eating rich foods before bedtime will cause nightmares. **Fact:** Wrong again. All unwise eating can do is cause you enough discomfort to wake you in the middle of a dream, when it's more likely to seem vivid or bizarre.

Myth: If you dream you're falling and hit bottom in your dream you're fated to die. **Fact:** False. Of course, there's no way of knowing if someone who did die had such a dream, but many people who have had them are still around to tell the tale.

(Taken from Good Housekeeping Magazine)

Recently Vera Hoekman visited the Calvary Bible College in Kansas City Missouri. Vera has been accepted there and will begin school in the fall.

The Spring Concert will be April 28 at 8:00 pm along with the Science and Industrial Arts Fair.

The seniors have only 15 days of school left. They will be dismissed May 13.

Have you noticed Cora limping around lately? Believe it or not, she stumbled on a loose piece of sidewalk walking home from a church meeting. She got offered a couple rides but didn't accept them because she thought it would do her good to walk. She says she hasn't been the same since.

The moral of it is either don't go to church or accept every ride you get offered no matter who it is.

Annual pictures are to be taken Wednesday April 27.