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Ken Wagner

25 years coaching, a way of life

by **Kris Bordewyk**
For Ken Wagner, Athletic Director at CHS, coaching has been a way of life for the past 25 years.

Wagner said recently in an interview that he has always been attracted to coaching. "I wanted to be a coach ever since I was in the fifth grade," said Wagner, "... maybe it was even in a lower grade."

In high school Wagner was very active in football, basketball, track and baseball. While attending Black Hills State College, Wagner was again active in football, basketball and baseball. He said he would have run in track but he couldn't be in track and play another sport simultaneously.

Wagner started his career in Ravinia. He stayed there four years. He then moved on to Avon for a two year stay.

After Avon Wagner came to the Corsica school system where he has been teaching and

coaching ever since. Besides coaching football, basketball, track and baseball, Wagner has taught Social Sciences, Physical Education, and Industrial Arts.

One thing he noticed that has changed in football and basketball is that the games are played faster. Safer equipment and rule changes such as blocking high and the playoffs have marked improvements in football.

There are still a few changes Wagner would like to see in sports. He would like to see a 25 or 30 second clock in basketball and more football teams to get a chance at the playoffs.

Wagner feels the best years in football would have to have been in 1971 or 1972. In basketball he couldn't say, there have been a lot of good teams in basketball. He later said "1982 stands out as a highlight year" for basketball. He wishes the football

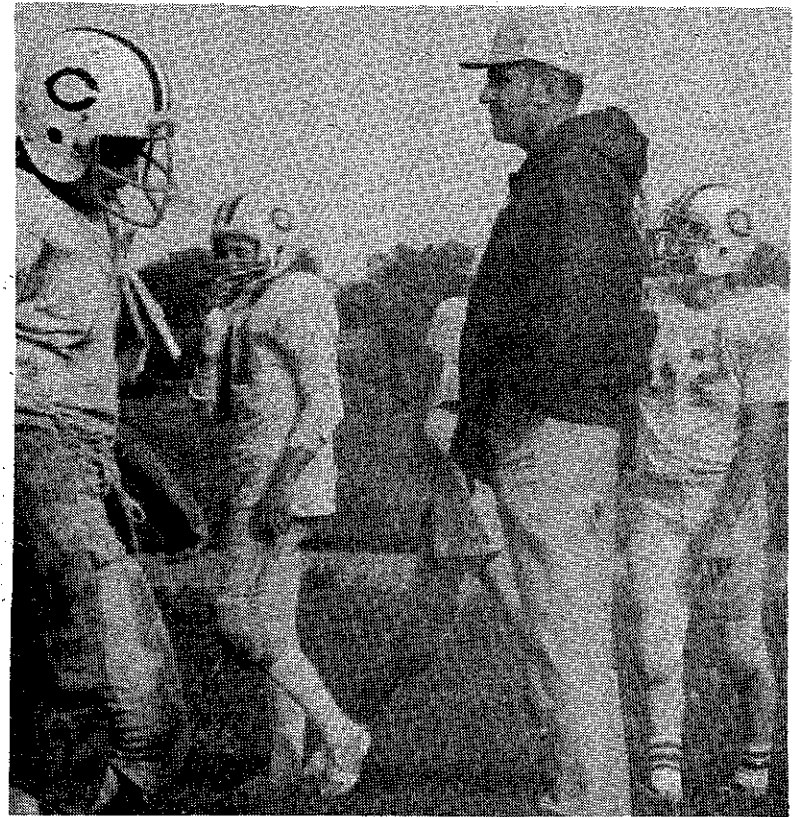
playoffs would have started earlier. He said we "would have been there a few times and won it."

The only goal Wagner has ever had was to just play to win.

When asked why it seems that year after year Corsica has nothing less than an average team, Wagner attributed the success to a winning attitude. "Once a winning attitude is started," said Wagner, "it carries over from year to year."

Wagner's wife, Elaine, and his three children, Curt, Kristi and Kelly, have always tried to attend the games he has coached. Elaine said that even while the children were young they enjoyed the games. She said, "We have fun and enjoyed it as a family."

Wagner's family continues to enjoy and attend the football games, said Elaine, but mainly enjoys seeing "... dad's team."



Ken Wagner's keen sporting tactics have made Corsica a strong contender in football for the past 19 years.

Lady Comets move to 3-1

by **Wendy Bosma**

The Comet girls came up with another CBH conference win over the Artesian Rams Tuesday night at Corsica. Artesian came into the game with a 2-0 record for the season and a 1-0 record in the conference.

Corsica broke out into the lead right away in the first quarter with a score of 9-2 and coasted into halftime with the lead. Corsica kept their lead throughout the game and won, 39-26. The key to the Comet win was a well balanced attack with some good defense as they held the high scoring Artesian team to only 26 points. The rebound edge went to the Comets, 31-30. Tami Bamberg was high scorer with 10. Rounding out the scoring was Lisa Peters, 9, Lorisa Bamberg, 7, Kristie Bakker, 6, Deb DeGeest, 5, and Lorie Pickart, 2.

With this win Corsica moves to 3-1 overall and 2-0 in the conference.

Corsica traveled to Ethan Tuesday for a big CBH clash and Thursday, September 20, they host Geddes.

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Teamwork between Lorisa Bamberg and Deb DeGeest made this jumpshot possible for Bamberg against Platte's defense.

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EDITORIAL

Student's lives exposed to new changes

by **Kris Bordewyk**

Since last May many changes have taken place in the world and in our lives. Some hot issues of the summer were the political conventions, our nation's educational system, the closing of USD/S at Springfield, the Olympics which several Soviet Eastern Bloc countries boycotted, and the overwhelming abundance of rain.

But the end of summer does not mark the end of changes. On the first day of school we were introduced to a longer school day, 8:45 to 3:35. This time change will allow all the classes to be at least 50 minutes long.

We also learned of new courses being taught. A full year of computer science is now being offered to all classes and a year of Spanish and World History to all students. All of which were a result of the S. D. Board of Education to increase the level of learning of South Dakota students.

CHS was even introduced to two new teachers; Steve Bamberg, vocal department, and Karen Clark of the English department.

Even the front parking lot will soon take on new changes. Preparation is presently being done to asphalt the parking lot.

The journalism class was not left out in the cold. We now not only have one advisor but we have two new advisors, Tim Hagedorn, the Social Science instructor, and Scott Muckey, Business instructor.

The entire style of the Forum changed, including a change in the size. For those of us who work on the layout of the CHS Forum it will be at first difficult to get used to.

While working on the CHS Forum we hope to clearly report on any changes that may have an impact on our lives. Along with that we also hope to persuade and maybe even make changes that will have a minute on predominant improvement or change, in our school or lives.

So readers, sit back and let the journalists at the CHS Forum have fun presenting to you a complete coverage of the 1984-85 school year.