

The Graphos staff would like to issue an invitation to any New Ulm Senior High School student who would like to make a contribution to the Graphos. We are especially interested in original poetry, essays, short stories, and art work.

If the student response is favorable, a literary supplement of the school paper may be possible. See Mr. Weber if you desire information.

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What Is It?

By Ann Berle

What is declam?

"Uh... it's a type of seafood."

"It's when someone tries to uncrowd something." (I said declam — not decram!)

"I think declam is like dissecting an oyster."

These are good guesses but actually not very many people know what declam is. Declam is part of the speech department in our school. There are eight different divisions in declam, but basically they all are a type of speech presentation given in competition. The eight divisions are as follows:

Original Oratory — Each person in this division writes his own speech on a controversial subject, such as a national or moral issue, and presents this speech to a judge.

Non-Original Oratory — A speech someone else wrote is chosen and memorized by each participant.

Discussion — A team of three students form a discussion group to talk about a topic. This year the topic concerns prisoner reform and rehabilitation.

Extemporaneous Speaking — Anyone who enters this division must be well informed on all current events and issues. A newsworthy topic is given to each contestant when he comes to the contest. He is given 60 minutes to prepare a speech on this topic and present it to the judges.

Extemporaneous Reading — This division is similar to extemporaneous speaking. A topic is randomly given to each participant. The judges give a prose or poetry selection to the contestant who has a certain amount of time in which to prepare his presentation effectively.

Storytelling — Before the contests, storytellers are assigned a number of stories from a fairytale book. At the contest one of these stories is given to each participant and he is to tell the story in his words as if he were telling it to a four year old child.

Humorous Interpretation — Each good-humored person in this division chooses a humorous oratory or essay to present.

Serious Interpretation — Each participant is allowed to choose his own selection for the contest. This year, for the first time, this division is broken into three subdivisions — poetry, prose, and drama.

Three contestants can enter each division from our school to compete for honors against other schools. The sub-district contest is at Morgan on March 27. Five in each division advance to the district contest to be held here on April 3. The contest consists of three rounds of competition. Two of these are preliminary rounds. One half of those entered are chosen to advance to the final round. From here three in each division will go on to the regional contest in Hutchinson.

Declam offers a challenge. If you would like to have more information about it, see Mr. Oien.

Super Ted Strikes Again

By Jane Zupfer

Superintendent T.R. Olson, better known to many New Ulm television viewers as Super Ted, has struck once again. On January 15, the "88 on 8" television series brought Mr. Olson to many of the community's homes to report on the previous night's school board's decisions. How did this idea originate? What image is the board trying to establish? What are Mr. Olson's personal views on the broadcasts? For the answers to these and other questions, let's turn to the star of the series—Super Ted himself.

When the school board decided to open a new avenue of communication with the public, they chose television as the media that would best serve their needs. T.R. Olson was chosen as the spokesman. In using the idea of "Super Ted," Mr. Olson hopes to "get the viewer's attention." When asked what image he was trying to present, he stated that he felt that the public's impression of him was "not that important," although he hoped they would think him "honest." He felt the most important thing about the broadcasts was the fact that he was giving the public another chance to participate in the education of its youth. He has already



Superintendent Olson

received several encouraging comments on the program, and he hopes that those who have found the information important will spread the news to their friends.

Mr. Olson also expressed his pleasure with the other "88 on 8" programs which have been presented. These included "Run, Walk or Retreat," the first telecast, coverage of various sports events, and a broadcast dealing with the national elections. He felt that these were highly "successful" and stated that plans for future programs were in the making.

Mr. Olson's own personal history includes a long, successful career in the field of education. He came to New Ulm as a young teacher more than 24 years ago and has had a profound influence on the school system ever since. He moved from his position as teacher to assistant principal to principal and finally moved into the office of the superintendent. In comparing his present occupation to that of principal or teacher, he felt that the latter two provided "closer contact with the students," but that as superintendent he got an "overall view" of school operations. He did however miss the communication he had had with NUHS students when serving as their principal. He feels that the most important goal of education is to make the student truly want to come to school to learn and eliminate the feeling of "I'm forced into it," voiced by so many pupils.

I came away from the interview with the feeling that our superintendent would have no difficulty in communication with anyone, whether they be the students of NUHS or their parents. With his help and the help of the new program entitled "88 on 8 Presents Super Ted," education could become a little more meaningful for all of us.

Key 73 - A Nation Hears of Love

By Jan Kohlhepp

A gigantic evangelistic movement is sweeping the country and New Ulm is part of it. The movement is called "Key 73" and it goes by the slogan, "Calling Our Continent To Christ." The objective of "Key 73" is to reach the entire North American continent with the love of Jesus Christ during 1973.

"Key 73" is NOT an effort to unite all churches. It is simply many churches cooperating in this one movement so that the greatest number of people can be reached. The churches that are involved in "Key 73" in New Ulm are Oakwood and First United Methodist, Our Savior's Lutheran, Redeemer Lutheran, Church of Christ, and Holy Trinity Catholic. These six have joined but others may join later and some will participate only in special events of "Key 73."

The first step in New Ulm's participation in the movement was the Noon Prayer Call. This began January 1 and continued for two weeks. At 12:00 noon participating churches rang their bells to remind people to stop for a moment, wherever they were, and say a prayer for the hope that everyone on the continent would hear the

word of Jesus Christ.

The next step of "Key 73" was a TV special on January 6 called "Faith in Action." This show was televised nationwide and was shown on Channel 11 at 8:30 p.m. and on Channel 12 at 1:30 p.m. The program featured various people who told about their faith in Jesus Christ and how it affected their lives. The show was broadcast by 400 T.V. stations across the country so it had a chance to reach many people.

Another step of "Key 73" in New Ulm took place on January 12 and 13. This was a 24-hour Prayer Vigil held at the First United Methodist Church. Members of the six involved churches were invited to sign up for periods of 30 minutes of prayer. The Prayer Vigil began at 6:00 p.m. January 12 and ended at 6:00 p.m. January 13. Many people found it meaningful to attend in the late hours of the night or early hours of the morning. The real success of the Prayer Vigil cannot be measured because there is no way of telling how much good it did for those who attended. The Vigil as a whole, however, was very well attended.

There are many events planned for the future of "Key 73" both nationally and

locally. On a local level, Bible study groups for youth and adults are being planned to start sometime in February. On March 4 a "worship cooperative" will be held in the New Ulm High School gym. This session will be for both youth and adults and will be a time of witnessing, singing, and praising God. Everyone is invited to attend. An event being planned for March and April is the distribution of 2,000 New Testaments by participants in "Key 73." The New Testaments will be passed out door to door all over New Ulm. This is New Ulm's way of fulfilling the hope of having the scriptures in every home in North America.

It is only January and "Key 73" is well on its way. There will be many more events related to the movement in the future, both within the city and also within the individual churches. I encourage each and every person to become involved in some way in helping to "call our continent to Christ." Great things are expected from "Key 73." Having every person on the North American continent hear the Good News of Jesus Christ is only a dream now, but it could become a reality by the end of 1973.

Observations Books: New and Recommended

Opinion

By Tom Dickey

"Those who have had four years, and could not produce peace should not be given another chance." This was said by Richard Nixon in October 1968 and subsequently it took him four years and seven days to end a war which he himself escalated more than any other president in U. S. history. He now smugly tells the American people that he has achieved an honorable peace. Experience shows that cease-fire agreements have never accomplished much other than putting off and temporarily by-passing a major conflict. Secondly, whatever honor we began the war with was buried in the rubble of hospitals, embassies, homes and our own P.O.W. camps which were bombed into oblivion.

The Nixon administration has been characterized by the most bribery, graft and favoritism since Warren G. Harding in 1920. Just a few examples of the kind of political "irregularities" which characterize an unsure and unpopular administration are the fact that a long standing anti-trust suit against ITT was dropped when CREEP (The Committee to Re-elect the President) received an enormous campaign contribution from

ITT. Later, after a contribution from the Milk Foundation, the milk price ceiling was raised by the Nixon administration. On June 17, 1972, five men, some of whom were Nixon aides or former CIA agents, were arrested at the Democratic headquarters in Washington, D. C., wearing surgical gloves and having wiretapping, photographic equipment, and a total of 53 \$100 bills which were part of a \$25,000 contribution to CREEP. Other evidence suggests that certain grain brokerage firms that enjoy Nixon's favor were given advance notice of the Russian grain deal in order that they could take advantage of the low prices before news of the deal shot prices up.

These, along with a concerted effort to stifle freedom of speech and press by the Nixon-Agnew act, and their effort to correct the failures of free enterprises (capitalism) through Socialism (wage-price controls) point to their desire to destroy our free political and economic system which has served us for two centuries. It is time that the American people be told the truth about our government and our foreign policy so that Hanoi, Peking, and the Kremlin no longer know more about American genocide and corrupt practices than we do.

Letter to the Editor

By Tom Dickey

These comments are directed to those of you who insisted on sitting on top of the bleachers and pounding your feet during the Tim Lindsey Concert, and to those who didn't show any courtesy when Charles Flagg came at his own expense to try to talk some sense into children and adults of NUHS. Maybe you thought he was boring you. Or was it guilt for your own stupidity and selfishness that made you exercise your oral muscles?

When you are excused from over an hour of class to hear Flip Schulke talk, a few couldn't restrain yourselves from crawling around on the bleachers cackling

like a bunch of idiots. Didn't you spend enough time in kindergarten, or can't you survive without constant attention?

Frankly, each time we are given another lyceum I'm surprised and thankful, considering your behavior at all the others. I'm also disgusted by the kind of childish actions that destroy whatever enjoyment the students can get from these presentations. Like Flip said (if by some fluke of luck the person next to you allowed you to hear) — "You don't realize the importance of what you learn in high school until you've graduated." That includes keeping your mouths shut during assemblies. Grow up! It's about time!

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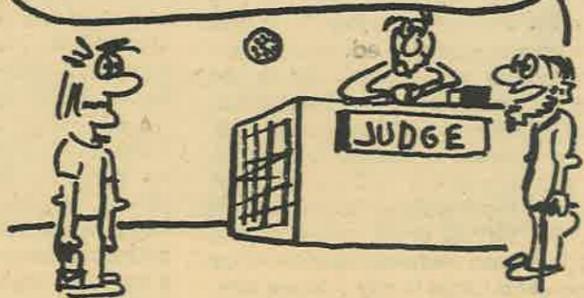
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BUT MOM, THE JUDGE SAYS THAT AFTER I STAY HERE AWHILE I'LL START TO LIKE IT!



NON-FICTION

Bombs, Beards, and Barricades, by Anthony Essler. 150 years of youth in revolt.

The Young Women's Guide to Liberation, by Karen DeCrow. Alternatives to the half-life while the choice is still yours.

The Angel Inside Went Sour, by Esther Rothmann. The compassionate story of a very special public school and its students by the remarkable woman who runs it.

Touch the Earth, by T. C. McLuhan. A selection of statements and writing by North American Indians.

Citizen Nader, by Charles McCarry. The story behind Ralph Nader and his fight for better consumer protection.

No Name in the Street, by James Baldwin. "His remembrance shall perish from the earth and he shall have no name in the street. He shall be driven from light into darkness."

John Edgar Hoover, by Hank Messick. A critical examination of the Director and of the continuing alliance between crime, business, and politics.

FICTION

Jefferson McGraw, by Weldon Hill. One summer in the life of a twelve-year-old boy in a small, unspoiled railway town

The Chinese Agenda, by Joe Poyer. Violent adventure story set in the Tien Shan mountains near Russia.

No Number is Greater Than One, by David Weiss. A subtly crafted satire of American life that exposes the hypocrisy and deceit underlying our morality.

Confessions of a Chapstick Freak

Lips Dominoe takes the stand for the last time. A hardened criminal from way back, LD is turning over a new leaf this year, as he is being given a chance to leave prison, at age 99, and start a new life. There's a catch to the setup though. LD must confess all the mean, nasty, strange, but true things he's been guilty of during his lifetime before Judge Roscovitchnisky (properly pronouncing his name ten times in succession without laughing) and the world and reform his evil ways. Lips takes the stand, and with his right hand on the Bible, (his left, fingering the gun he ripped-off on his way in) he swears to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help him —. (lips is Atheist.)

Quiet settles over the courtroom as LD is seated and proceeds to list his past offenses. All eyes are on Lips and he spells out his life story, adding his apologies for watching the little rug rats across the street, when, in fact, he should have been pleading to get out of class early "cause everyone else is running around out in the halls already," being "through" in Art; sharpening the wrong end of a pen just for something to do when in fact it wasn't dull to begin with; not knocking on the darkroom door before entering, when it was open; taking Amy Vanderbilt out to dinner just to find out, once and for all, which fork he was supposed to use for the salad; using the wrong fork, on purpose, after Amy screamed (out loud) and tore away the napkin, it had taken him ten minutes to tuck under his chin; hitchhiking to Albuquerque on a school bus that was going the wrong way; chapsticking all the mouths in the library's latest magazines; playing "cookies" in the Lecture Theatre when the shuffleboard courts were out in the hall; mistaking the Chemistry Lab for "Beeker" Street; cornering the market on bunser burners and mukluks when they turned the heat down; throwing rotten, leftover Christmas cookies at the birds;

illegally constructing a ten-foot high, wall to shield himself against rotten, leftover Christmas cookies that the birds were throwing back; doing the "ole soft shoe" on the seats in the balcony at the movie theatre during the intermission of "Gone with the Wind"; giving the secret plans to Dr. Strangemind after he promised Lancelot that he wouldn't; changing his true name, on several occasions, to the clever, unrevealing, but overused, aliases of Lips Doe, John Lips, and Noodles Romanoff; and being such a swell, modest, and all-around nice guy, (that wasn't in the script but LD was guilty of it all along).

Suddenly, right in the middle of the proceedings, a creaky little old lady of about 126 (years) burst (burst? more like fell) into the courtroom, ranting and raving. "Lips Dominoe, you done said enough! I'm taking you home!"

"But Mama, don't you see? I'm free now!"

"I don't care if they want a million dollars for you, you're going home!"

And with that she dragged him (she was quite a little Amazon) off the stand and headed for the door. The judge could only ask, "why?"

She paused, only for a moment, replying, "My Lips is sealed" and continued to hobble on out the door with LD at her heels.

Who knows why Mrs. Dominoe, mother of Lips, dragged her 99-year-old son off into the sunset on that day? Who knows what became of the decrepit duo? Did Lips Dominoe return to a life of crime at age 99? Did Mrs. Dominoe make Lips (or little LD, as she called him) clean his room and brush his teeth, first?

Only I know the answers to those questions. And I'll never tell. Oh no, not me. For now, at least, (until Lips and the Mrs. return from their luncheon date with Amy V.) "My lips is sealed."

A Remembrance of a Wonderful Man

By David E. Brown

So few people in the world realize
that a man has died this week.
It is meaningless to them, but to me
it means that I have no more Grandfathers.

It means that there is not a man around
whose ideas, I thought, were old fashioned.
He won't tell me to get a haircut anymore,
or that my jeans and workshirt
make me look like a bum.

He will never again tell me how to do a job
or teach me to drive a truck.
I never seemed to do things right for him
but he still put up with me,
and loved me, and I loved him.

We will never again play cards
and he won't tell me another joke.
but my memories of him
will last forever.

In his last days he held my hand,
and tears came to my eyes
As I remembered all he had done for me.
And I thought to myself
If I could be half the Grandfather to my Grandchildren
as he was to his,
I would really be doing great.

But I'm not really sad about his death,
because I know he lived a full life
And he is now with his maker
and happier than he has ever been.

And if I cry
they are not tears of sadness,
but tears of happiness,
Because I know my Grandfather was a great man,
and deserves his place in heaven.

The Child and War

He went to sleep
on a hillside
and the young boy dreamed.

He dreamed that his brother
went to war
and never came back.
He wanted to know why
his mother cried
and his father looked so sad
and where his brother was.

But he was too young to understand
why there was war
and violence
and killing.

Until he was eighteen,
When he too went to fight
and saw people dying
and crying
and trying to live in a war-torn land.

He then realized why
so long ago,
his mother shed tears,
and his father was so sad.
He realized the horrors of war
and what it can do
to one's family
and mind.

All around was death
and destruction
and violence.
The young man sought a way out
but there was none.
He tried to find a place
where there were no bomb holes
or sounds of guns
or cries of the dying.
But once again there was no such place.

Finally, he just went to sleep
on a hillside
and dreamed.

He dreamed that he was a little boy
catching butterflies
and flying kites
and watching birds soar and glide.

These were his last thoughts
for it was here that the young man died.
Shot by the enemy
on a hillside in a foreign country
while he slept.

At home, his mother cried
and his father was sad,
and there sat a little boy
who just didn't understand.

THOUGHTS

As part of Mrs. Carol Johnson's SLD Senior English Class,
students were given the topic "If I were a Snowflake" and asked to
write a creative composition.

The following selections are two of those that were written on the
suggested topic.

If I Were a Snowflake

By Brenda Thompson

The flakes, one by one, are coming down, never really to ever leave.
I'd blow in the wind, I'd fly in the sun or maybe even I'd come down to earth
somewhere.

If I were a snowflake, I'd always be cold or hard in the winter and soft or warm in the
early spring.

I'd be free as a bee with all the time in the world to be in the breeze or maybe even
live in a tree.

But I'm not really a snowflake; I'm just me and nothing else.

But if I were, I'd be snow white and free like nothing I've ever known or seen could
ever really be. . .

By Dennis Griebel

If I were a snowflake and I had a choice to pick between falling down to earth or
staying with my buddy Cloud, I would probably stay with my true pal Cloud. He's the
only thing I know. I don't know anything down by Mr. Earth.

Do you know what it would be like for me going down to Mr. Earth? Me, a little thing
compared to all those big things on Earth.

From what I hear, there are some strange creatures with Earth. I can't think of the
name. . . ah. . . it's. . . a man. Ya, that's it, man. Some men don't like us snowflakes so they
step on us, shove us around and blow us around. Cloud told me that once in awhile when
the air is clear that you can see Earth's surface. But he said it was all full of junk. Cloud
told me what they call it when there's junk and stuff lying all over the place, but I just
forgot. I think it was something like pie, no. . . it was pa, no. . . I got it, pollution! He said
it's real bad too. I believe him because Cloud's my buddy so he wouldn't lie to me.

So to me, my reasons are good enough to stick with my buddy. Maybe someday when
the air is clear and I like what I see, I might just come down and spend some of my time
down on Earth. But not just yet.

SOUNDS OF THE SNOW

By Jan Kohlhepp

Zillions of
white snow-flakes,
silent and pure,
flying through the
world.

But are they really so silent?
Walk out in the
winter world,
listen to the day,
And if you think
you hear
laughing and singing
and the sounds
of a smile,
you're right.

Big, fat
snow-flakes
are God's
song-bearers.

Singing
a song
of beauty and
joy
and LOVE,
in God.

A message of freedom
in life.

A melody of
life itself.

LISTEN. . .
To the snow.

Love Your

Locker ●

By Barb Schwartz

Having a locker is what we kids who came from St. Paul's Lutheran longed for back in those underprivileged grade school days. What a gyp it was hanging our coats on nails in the hallway and putting our gym duds into flimsy cardboard boxes. You students who have gone to "Public" all your life didn't realize how fortunate you were, did you?!

Lockers are a big part of high school life. Some students will look back on their dear little storage boxes with fond memories. Young lovers lean against them and gaze into each others' eyes while absent-mindedly fidgeting with the locker combination. It's a passionate sight isn't it?

Lockers serve an incomprehensible list of other important needs. Why just the other day as I casually strolled down the hall, this very strange girl was lying on her back with her feet thrust into her locker. Lockers make wonderful footstools!

Lockers dedicate themselves as local drugstores and supermarkets. Hand-cream, mirrors, totes (highly fashionable boots this year), STRI-DEX, Listerine, popcorn, peanuts, candy, cigarettes, aspirin, stolen goods, pornography, and other subversive materials are all neatly stashed behind carefully padlocked doors. What a relief knowing neither man nor beast can penetrate one's locker door without the secret code which only he knows.

Lockers must be made strong enough to withstand a pressure equal to a herd of angry elephants, for lockers take real punishment. I have seen boys give karate chops and punching blows to lockers that did not open the first time. Girls are a lot more polite to their lockers — first they ask the door to open in a reassuring voice, but if that fails, they try to kick it in. (Legs serve more purposes than being attractive.)

Students like to decorate their little cubbyholes to make them as homey as possible. Lockers resemble what a person's room looks like at home. Trying to find a pencil in the depths of a locker becomes a major excavation project for one person to know. That poor boy has his locker crammed top-to-bottom with books, papers, and other stuff. It's a junk pile! He has to stuff his coat into whatever space is left every morning. I suppose he thinks it's rather arty, but man oh man I can just imagine what his room looks like at home!

I have friends who tell me that funny little gnomes live inside their lockers, and between classes I see them stooped over whispering quiet little nothings into their lockers. Actually I don't believe in their little friends, but when I go to my locker which is bare except for a couple dirty kleenex and some drab school books, I find myself wishing for a little gnome to joke around with!



Just Another Storage Box

Uff Da! What a Day!

By Colleen McLean
and Sharon Fodness

Thursday, January 25th, had the look of the first day of school as students hurried to classrooms they wouldn't normally hurry to.

The NUHS Student Council set up an all day activity which was no doubt named by some Hanska person. "Smorgasbord" involved 28 human interest groups expressing ideas and solutions to ever-present problems faced by contemporary society.

Smorgasbord began with an address by Reverend Charles Flagg, who encouraged students to broaden their horizons and experiences as much as possible before settling down to one life style.

The students then were on their own to choose five groups they wanted to learn about. Among the most popular sessions seemed to be Red Rudenski, who represented the 3M Company's security system, the Armed Services and Church on the Hill.

Comments on Smorgasbord have been almost completely positive and, despite a few problems, it came off beautifully to give us an informal but very meaningful day in which to "broaden our horizons."

By Sharon Fodness

"You cultivate a good fantasy long enough and soon it can seep out into the real world."

So says Arnold Enterprise, the 35 year old hero of this year's one act play, **CRAWLING ARNOLD** by Jules Feiffer. Always one to practice what he preaches, Arnold sets out to cultivate his own fantasy — he returns to a child's world complete with coloring books and crawling when his seventy year old athletic type parents present our hero with a baby brother. Sibling rivalry, you know.

The Enterprises, wonderful parents that they are, bring in Miss Sympathy, a social worker — a psychiatric social worker — to do something to snap Arnold out of his regression.

Hello Class.
You need a pass.
Just do exactly
as I ask.

Call me Mr.,
Have respect.
If you don't,
You'll get a red check.

A big, red, check
in my big, red, book
That holds the
grades from the tests you took.

Tests so important,
Grades even more.
All so relevant
to what life has in store.

By Janet Zahn

Reality Takes a Blow

Miss Sympathy's analyzing is interrupted, however, by the practice air raid drill which sends the Enterprises scurrying down to their fallout shelter (the Enterprises are all-Americans who accept the laws of the land!). It doesn't help them to hurry, though, because their Women's Lib maid, Millie, has locked herself in the shelter in an effort to "let the male chauvanists wipe each other out." They manage with the basement floor and leave Arnold to be carefully analyzed by Miss Sympathy, who gets Arnold to confess that he did "something naughty," a value Arnold rediscovers as a child. Arnold's deed is quite unfortunate for Mr. and Mrs. Enterprise who could be spending a long time on their basement floor — Arnold broke the all clear siren.

The cast, directed by Carol Ackerson, consists of Tim Thompson, Sharon Fodness, Tim Babel, Kim Knutson, and Janet Zahn.

The one act play is a little different from the two class plays put on each year because it is put on for the One Act Play Contest, which consists of Sub-district, District, Region, and State contests. The actors perform for a judge who decides which plays should go to the next level of competition and gives comments and criticisms on the play.

New Ulm, Franklin, and Morgan go on to the District after winning at the Sub-district contest on January 20. The District Contest was held on January 27 at Springfield.

MIRACLE

Life holds
little secrets
and
happy, pretty
spots.
And one of them
is
you.
You made me laugh
today.
Ah, such a happy,
funny
miracle are
you.
You make my days
sparkle
and shine
and dance.
A happy, funny miracle.

By Jan Kohlhepp

Wrestlers Eye District Crown

By Jim Abraham

The NUHS wrestling squad has had its ups and downs in dual meets, but with three meets to go New Ulm's 6-3 record shows it has mostly been up. New Ulm's only losses are to St. James, Blue Earth and Hutchinson, all of which are top contenders for the SCC mat title.

There are some things, however, that are puzzling: New Ulm lost to Hutchinson by eight points, Waseca beat Hutch by one point, and New Ulm beat Waseca by five points. These scores show that wrestling is not completely an individual sport because a whole team can be flat on one night but be really sharp the next. In our case, we were flat for Hutchinson. The mark of a good team though is its ability to bounce back after a disappointing loss.

After our loss to Blue Earth we came back and really socked it to Glencoe 49-0. Shutouts don't come too often in conference wrestling meets. It seemed as if everybody was extra-sharp that night. Maybe it was because the weight classes

were shuffled, or maybe we just smelled a shutout and gave that little extra.

Whatever it was, it must have stuck because in our next meet New Ulm dumped Tracy — a team ranked 20th in state early in the year.

Over the Christmas break New Ulm traveled to Olivia for a holiday tournament. Other teams present were host Olivia, Marshall, and Morris. Although placing seven boys in the finals, New Ulm could only get third place. Both Marshall and Olivia had eight finalists.

In the first meet of the new year, New Ulm slapped Redwood Falls 36-12. This is only the second time in twenty years that New Ulm has defeated Redwood. The only other time was last year. This was the first of seven meets in four weeks that New Ulm would face before the district tournament.

After Redwood came Hutchinson. It was a matter of who was ready to win. They were and we weren't. Our dual meet record was now 4-3. We had five meets left,

three of which were in conference and the other two were against district schools. We realized that five victories would greatly help us in our bids for district and conference titles. With that in mind, we started a five-meet countdown. We wanted those five straight victories going into the tournaments.

Fairfax was the first and New Ulm won convincingly 33-12. Scott Voves was back in the line-up after being out with ankle trouble for six weeks. The layoff didn't seem to hurt Scott for he pinned his opponent in the second period.

Waseca was next on the countdown list and we squeezed out a 23-18 victory. We trailed 15-6 going into the 138 lb. match, but we won the next five matches to salt away win No. 2.

The Eagle wrestling squad is really confident that it can take the district championship this year. It should be an exciting tournament, and I hope you will come and support the Eagles wrestlers in their bid for the title.



Coach Peterson confers with Eagle wrestler Jim Abraham during a break in the match with Hutchinson.



Paul Gieseke attempts to break down his opponent with an ankle pick-up.

Baker, Sparlin start Big Brother

By Ann Berle

One day two guys, not much older than any of us here at NUHS, decided that what New Ulm needs is a big brother. So several weeks ago they created a BIG BROTHER at 914 5th North.

BIG BROTHER is a new novelty shop operated by Tim Baker and Scott Sparlin. When you walk into the store, the aroma of incense and the vibrations of heavy music greet you. Set in this atmosphere is the various merchandise which ranges from tapestry rugs to albums, from candles to Zap comic books. They also handle jewelry, including earrings and "beggar" bells. Much of the merchandise is imported from such countries as India, Pakistan, Portugal and Italy.

Actually, Scott and Tim had been thinking of opening this type of business for quite some time. They knew that people were going out of town to get some of the items that BIG BROTHER could sell. Opening a store in New Ulm could prove profitable not only to their customers but also to themselves. To further the "big brother" image Scott and Tim also priced their wares reasonably.



Scott Sparlin

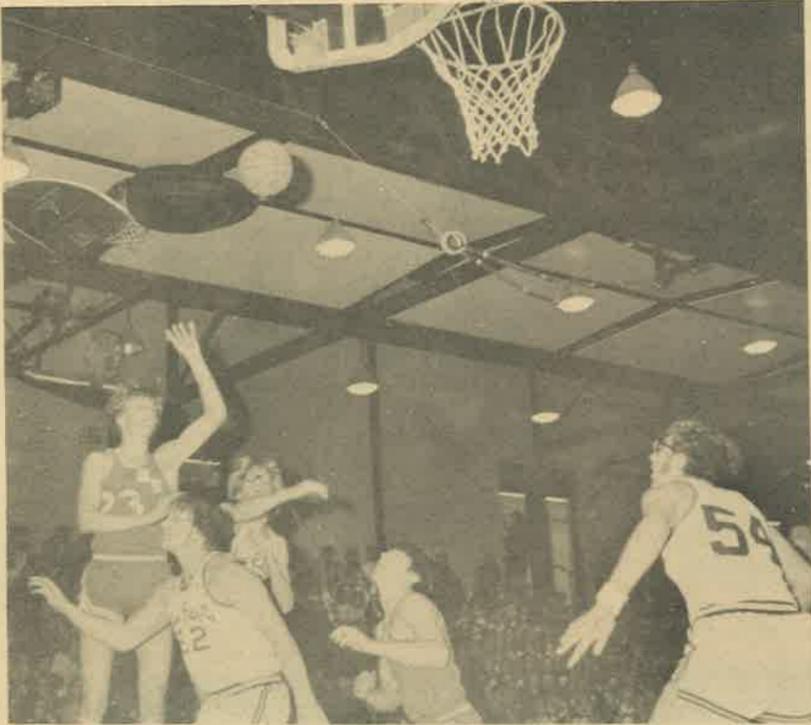
If you are at a loss on what to get someone for a birthday or if you just want to browse, stop in and see what BIG BROTHER is all about.

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WHEN YOU STOP DOING
THOSE EXERCISES TO KEEP
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Eagles Defeat District Foes -

Redwood, Springfield



Mark Schmiesing puts up a short jumper from the side as Ron Kaiser moves in for a possible rebound.



Dan Hirth stretches for a rebound against several Blue Earth players.

By Mark Schmiesing

The basketball Eagles have come a long way since November. We don't plan to stop here and say, nice job, because so far we haven't reached any goals. Hopefully the goals will start falling in the district tournament. That's still a long way off so for now I'll just bring you up to date.

In our second conference game of the year we defeated Blue Earth 56 to 41. Larry Jensen led the Eagles with 19 points followed by Bruce Wieland with 12 and Ron Kaiser's 10. The Eagles rebounded strong as Schmiesing and Kaiser combined for 26 of New Ulm's 44 rebounds.

New Ulm then traveled to Redwood Falls for a district prestige game. We raised a few eyebrows when New Ulm upset Redwood 52-46. Dan Hirth led the Eagle scoring with 18 points. Bruce Wieland and Larry Jensen each added 10. This was a nice game to win, especially on Redwood's home floor.

At St. James we lost our first conference game 62-50. Larry Jensen worked hard on the boards for 12 rebounds and 21 points. He was followed by Mark Schmiesing with 11 rebounds and 15 points. Defensively Dan Hirth did a fine job in holding St. James' 6'

6* Mark Vanderbilt to only 6 points.

After Christmas and a long rest, the Eagles played host to a tall and strong Hutchinson team. Hutch beat the Eagles 63-58. The game had an unusual start with the buzzer blowing for no reason. This caused a lot of confusion. Schmiesing and Jensen had 16 and 14 points respectively. Kevin Patterson played a fine floor game and also added 9 points. This performance was just an indication of what he would do the following night against Springfield.

The Eagles took the Tigers 54-44. Jensen led a very well balanced scoring attack

with 14 points. Patterson had 9, Hirth and Kaiser each had 8 and Schmiesing added 7. With this win over another tough district opponent, the thought of a possible district championship was emerging.

Back in conference play the Eagles defeated St. Peter 58-50 but had to rely on a second half comeback. In a full court press Kevin Patterson and Dan Hirth sparked the fourth quarter surge. Hirth finished the night with 16 points followed by Patterson and Kaiser with 12 and 11. Jensen, Schmiesing, Kaiser, and Hirth all worked the boards well.



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Another Winter Sport?

By Steve Penrod

What can you do if you aren't interested in basketball, wrestling or gymnastics, but you want to keep in shape this winter? You can go out for weight-lifting; that's what you can do.

Right now there are about twenty boys taking part in Mr. Varpness' weight program. They start practice by running laps in the hall and doing some calisthenics. Then it's into the weight room

for a workout on the new universal gym. The universal gym is a large unit that allows several boys to do different types of lifting simultaneously. After they finish lifting they take a few more laps and finish up about 5 o'clock with a refreshing shower.

Sound interesting maybe? There's still time to take part if you want to. See Mr. Varpness.

We're No. 2 and Still Trying Harder

By Mark Hendricks

The New Ulm gymnastic team has started off very well by placing second at the St. Cloud Invitational, winning a dual meet with the Mankato Scarlets, and, best of all, taking first place at the Northwest Open at the University of Minnesota. Most recently, New Ulm had its own invitational on January 20 and came in second behind number one-rated Armstrong.

As I had stated in my previous article, the team's performance at the St. Cloud and Northwest Open would give an indication of how well the Eagles would do throughout the remainder of the season when they would meet good statewide competition. Well up to the present time, the gym team has earned and maintained its No. 2 rating by performing well at big meets.

On December 16 the gymnastics team traveled to St. Cloud State for its first meet of the season. The Eagles had a good day bringing home the second place trophy. Armstrong of Robbinsdale won the meet with 112.10 points while New Ulm had 105.10. NUHS coach Jim Schmidt stated, "I was rather pleased with the team's performance on the first meet of the year." In all, the Eagles brought home nine trophies: the team runnerup award plus eight individual trophies. Awards were given to the top five finishers in each event, and senior Jay Lowinske came home with six trophies. Mark Hendricks and Dave Rosenbloom each won a trophy. Lowinske won the all-around trophy, two first places, two second places, and a third



Jay Lowinske Executes a Full Twist

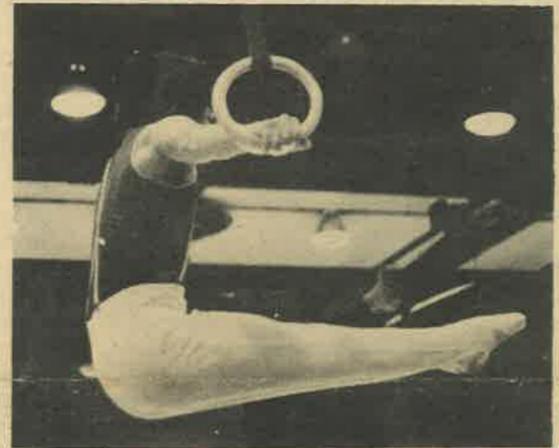
place. He missed out on only the side horse.

New Ulm had its first home meet on December 18, a dual meet with Mankato which the Eagle gymnasts won 126.50 to 89.10. "The win came easily but we missed too many routines," commented Coach Schmidt. New Ulm's free exercise team produced another outstanding score of

22.60 to Mankato's 19.20. The Eagles also had 20.40 on tumbling. As expected, Jay was the standout. He scored 36.45 on the five olympic events. In all seven events Lowinske contributed 51 points to the team total. Other high point men for NU were Mark Hendricks with 23 and Dave Rosenbloom with 19.25. Dwight Hammermeister scored 5.5 on side horse, and Jeff Berg 5.60 on still rings. During the meet, the trampoline event caused some exciting moments as competitors on both teams had trouble staying on the center part of the apparatus.

The Eagle's third meet of the season took them to the prestigious Northwest

Open on January 6. This meet was special because the team had hopes, and the win was a result of great individual and team effort. There were 24 schools entered, and most were suburban schools. New Ulm had 104.8 points; Cooper, 104.7; Robbinsdale, 100.9; and St. Louis Park, 93.8 for the top four placings. "This is the first major gymnastics tournament we've ever won, not counting the regional meets," observed Coach Schmidt. "When you win by a tenth of a point, you can point to almost any event as the one that won it for us. I felt that our team performed rather well all day. We used 11 boys." Again Jay Lowinske won the all-around trophy with 32.20 points. He was followed by Paul Lindeen of Brooklyn Center at 29.20. Jay again scored high on free-ex 8.7 and also



Jeff Berg's L-Cross on the Still Rings

Carthy's Corner



It looks like the two basketball teams that have the best chance of taking the South Central Conference Championship are St. James and Hutchinson. New Ulm could give these two teams a run for their money even though they have lost to both teams earlier in the season.

At the time New Ulm played St. James the Eagle's outside shooting was almost nonexistent. The St. James zone defense forced New Ulm to shoot from the outside all night.

Hutchinson was the only team that really dominated New Ulm. Led by their center Mike Busch, Hutchinson controlled the offensive and defensive boards. New

Ulms also got into early foul trouble, which forced the Eagles to go to their bench.

Since these two conference defeats, the Eagles have improved and become a better ball club. Kevin Patterson has improved immensely in his shooting giving New Ulm a much needed outside threat; something the Eagles lacked before. Mark Schmiesing's rebounding has come around and he rarely misses from the left side of the basket. Ron Kaiser's shooting and rebounding have gotten a lot better in the last few games helping New Ulm's offensive board game. Bruce Wieland, recovering from a week's sickness which did not allow him to practice, is improving steadily and regaining the confidence and ability he had shown before. Center Larry Jensen's game was hurt by the Christmas vacation layoff. He is now beginning to look like the same player that helped spark New Ulm's victories before Christmas. Dan Hirth is still playing the same steady game that is New Ulm's most valuable commodity.

Winter Happenings for Girls

By Bud Apitz

If you girls are wondering what to do with your spare time this winter, let me suggest girl's athletics. With about 35 girls from grades 9-12, Miss Mueller, Mrs. Eian, Miss Bueg and Mrs. Fritz have a fine extramural gymnastics team. The girls have three meets this season. On February 3 there is the New Ulm Invitational, a meet at Fairmont on February 10, and a final meet at Blue Earth on March 3.

On Friday nights there are a variety of intramural activities. Mrs. Dannheim is in

charge of this program, which features volleyball, basketball, ping pong, badminton, shuffleboard, skiing, skating, and broom hockey. It should be made known to the boys that every Friday night of home basketball games these activities go on. Mrs. Dannheim invites all boys to come and participate. These winter activities will continue until sometime in March.

Miss Bueg would like to remind the girls to get their physicals in for track by March 1. Turn them in to either her or Miss Mueller.

New Ulm can win the South Central Conference if they can beat St. James and Hutchinson in the second round of the conference games.

New Ulm, certainly one of the best gymnastic teams in the state, is not the best. Robbinsdale Armstrong proved to New Ulm why it is ranked number one in the state on Jan. 20 at New Ulm's Invitational.

New Ulm was fired up for Armstrong at the Invitational, but Armstrong performed well while meeting New Ulm's challenge.

The Eagles have two more chances to catch Armstrong. One of the chances will come at the Mankato State Invitational, and the final chance will be at the state meet in March.

Jay Lowinske proved that he is the best gymnast in the state at the New Ulm Invitational. Greg Johnson from Robbinsdale Armstrong, has been beaten by Jay both times. Robbinsdale Armstrong and New Ulm have faced each other this year. New Ulm needs a united effort from the entire team because the Eagles found out at their Invitational that Jay can't do it alone.

New Ulm will probably finish fourth in the South Central Conference in wrestling. St. James, perennial South Central Conference Champs, will once again win it. Blue Earth and Hutchinson will be second and third in that order.

Scott Voves, Bill Mossberg, Bob Ries and Steve Farasyn are the four who have the best chance of winning their weight classes in the South Central Conference.

New Ulm has not wrestled consistently well as a team. From meet to meet a varsity wrestler will do well one night and do poorly the next. New Ulm did put it together, however, against Tracy and soundly beat the Scrappers. A consistent team effort could bring the district crown back to New Ulm.

won the high bar with 7.8. He was second on the parallel bars with a 7.75 and also qualified for the finals on the trampoline. Two other New Ulm gymnasts were in the finals and did quite well. Dwight had fifth on the side horse, and Mark Hendricks had third on free-ex. Both boys received trophies. A few other gymnasts failed to qualify for the finals but had good scores. They were Jeff, 6.5 on still rings; Dave Rosenbloom, free exercise; and Mark Hendricks, trampoline 6.6.

Going into the last event of the day, free-ex, NU needed 20.65 team points to surpass Cooper, which had finished its competition. The free-ex men really had the pressure on them. Lowinske landed on his head on his first run, and we all figured that was it, but he recovered exceptionally well and scored an 8.7, which was just enough to win the meet. His fine score helped New Ulm slip past Cooper in total team scoring by a tenth of a point.

For the fourth meet of the season, the Eagles hosted the NU Invitational. Armstrong High School of Robbinsdale, the No. 1 ranked gym team in the state, and 17 other teams from throughout the state were present. Armstrong, coached by Harlowe Beyer, a former Madison and MSC gymnast, won the meet with a score of 138.90, 5.2 points better than runnerup New Ulm. The meet was pretty well dominated by New Ulm and Armstrong. The polls published after the meet ranked Armstrong 1 and New Ulm 2 in Minnesota gymnastics. Coach Schmidt noted that the 133.7 team score topped the best New Ulm mark of 131.05 a year ago, "but too many routines were missed."

101-year-old celebrates "first" birthday

By Barb Schwartz

Mrs. Lucy Plagge, the oldest resident of New Ulm, passed the one-hundred year mark when she celebrated her one-hundred-and-first birthday on November 26. With a touch of mischief she remarked, "Yes, I'm one year old." A century plus one year old and still going strong is Mrs. Plagge, a popular gal at the geriatrics ward in Union Hospital. Anyone who takes the time to visit with this perky little lady finds her to have a quick sense of humor, a happy personality and a clear mind. She is very interesting to listen to and enjoys sharing her experiences with anyone who will listen.

Mrs. Plagge was born in 1871 and she has lived all 101 years in or near New Ulm. It is fascinating to note that the president in office at this time was Ulysses S. Grant. Abraham Lincoln had been assassinated only six years previously. Her birthplace was not in an antiseptic hospital, but rather in her childhood home which was located where the State Bank building now stands.

Lucy Flick (Maiden name) was the only girl in a family of four boys; therefore she had many chores to perform as a young girl. Her mother taught her all the responsibilities of tending a house, cooking, sewing, and all the other tasks which had to be done. The education she received was not as formal or as organized as today's. In fact, hardly any girls attended school at all in those days. She attended Emerson school (Used for storage of stage props today) for only six years after which her family moved to homestead a farm near Springfield. When Lucy was only 15 years old, she quit school and set out to work as a seamstress. Her job, not an easy one, was to live in the houses of others and sew the wardrobes of families under whom she was employed. Her wage was a meager fifty cents a day for her sewing, babysitting and housekeeping. When asked what she did in

her spare time, Lucy recalled with a smile, "Work, work, work!"

But there were also carefree times for Lucy. During her school years she can remember the swims she and her friends would take in the Minnesota River. Girls of that time certainly did not swim in the skimpy swimsuits girls wear today; they wore dresses. This may sound like a Huckleberry Finn tale, but the girls would have to take a quick in-and-out dip for sometimes they would return to the bushes by the water's edge only to find their dry clothes tied into knots by some young rascals.

Christmas, then as now, was also a happy time of the year but it was not half as elaborate when she was a girl. Lucy can remember cutting down their Christmas tree from the multitude of woods which surrounded New Ulm. The tree was merrily decorated with strings of popcorn and apples. Christmas, as Lucy recalls, was the eating event of the year. Her parents had come from Germany and therefore enjoyed making traditional German foods for Christmas. Among some of the Christmas delicacies were roast goose, German potato salad and sauerkraut. Lucy reminisced, "Pa could eat sauerkraut anytime and anywhere!" Christmas presents for the Flick family were often gifts of food and candy.

Mrs. Lucy Plagge has seen so much change not only in New Ulm but in America that it would be impossible to write down everything which has happened in her lifetime. Mrs. Plagge has lived through a series of Presidents, 19 in all, ranging from Ulysses S. Grant to Nixon. She experienced the growth of New Ulm in its pioneer days of 1,310 at her birth to the present statistic which is close to 14,000. She has also lived through a series of wars from the aftermath of the Civil War to the winding down of the Vietnam War. Perhaps you would be interested in

knowing some of the historical facts which occurred during her lifetime:

1870 — (A year before her birth) Holy Trinity opened in New Ulm.

1871 — The year a great fire which started in Mrs. O'Leary's Barn destroyed Chicago.

1872 — The first train made its appearance in New Ulm (Previously travel was confined to ox carts and steam boats).

1875 — Monument of Herman was dedicated in New Ulm.

1876 — Wild Bill Hickok was shot from behind by Jack McCall, a desperado in Deadwood, South Dakota.

1879 — F.W. Woolworth opened the first 5 and 10 store.

1887 — The New Ulm Fire Department was organized.

1890 — The first execution through electrocution was performed.

1903 — The first successful airplane flight was staged by the Wright brothers.

1909 — Admiral Peary reached the North Pole.

1923 — The first sound-on-film talking picture was produced.

1927 — Lindbergh made his famous airmail flight from the U.S. to Paris

1937 — The New Ulm Public Library opened its doors.

1945 — The first atom bomb was set off.

1952 — The first jetliner passenger service was established.

1957 — The first man-made satellite, Sputnik I, was set into orbit.

1967 — The first heart transplant was performed by Dr. Christian Barnard.

1970 — the first moon landing was accomplished.

When asked how she has maintained her health and vitality, Mrs. Plagge replied, "Hard work, good clean living, and a most kind, loving husband!" Mrs. Plagge keeps busy by reading, both in English and in German, and reminiscing about the past. If you ever want to spend an enriching half-hour, visit Mrs. Plagge. She likes company!



Mrs. Plagge

Music class offers

creative opportunity

By Mona Mansoor

This is the second year of the "Music as Communications" class. It was the result of a year-end questionnaire given to NUHS students to evaluate the school's curriculum. Mr. Curt Iverson noticed a lot of students wanted a music class which would give them the opportunity to compose music based on their ideas. He then formed the "Music as Communications" class.

The class is open to all students, but so far only juniors and seniors have enrolled in it. It's a semester class and meets every day. "Last year 21 students were in it, but this year there's only 9," said Mr. Iverson. "The ideal number is between 12 and 15 students. I like to keep it small so every student can have a chance to use the individual piano rooms to be alone and

compose his music. With six pianos and 21 kids, that's not very easy to do." Students can compose any kind of music they want.

These students are mainly in band or chorus, and most of them play the piano. They study music theory, harmony, counter-point, arranging and orchestration. With courses like these, Mr. Iverson doesn't recommend this class to anyone who does not have a good music background. You don't have to be in band or chorus, but some musical knowledge is necessary.

The class is open, informal and based on each student's individual creativity. Many of the compositions are very good, and Mr. Iverson enjoys listening to them and helping the students express their feelings through music.