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Seniors Wacker on out of school



These senior guys are just "Deinken" around.

by Andi Bieraugel
Graphos Reporter

It was a hot day when **Melissa Larsen, Mindy Schmidt, Molly Mammen, Ann Tietema, Troy Tepley, Adam Horton and Jessica Leske** decided to **Kaven and Wacker** out of school. Melissa said, "It's such nice **Weber** outside that I want to **Schmidt** in the **Gulden** sun." Ann said, "Let's **Moosy** on over to **Dairy Queen's** and **VanOrden** some **Chacons**." Troy said, "Okay, **Ahl** drive." Jessica said, "I'd feel **Schaefer** if I drove." "If you're going to **Weinkauf**, then you can **Zwach!**" **Sternly** and **Cooley**, Jess said, "Fine with me."

So Jess started walking as Troy suggested. As she **Tremled**, she thought **Winterfeldt** cold when the wind blew up. She **Wiesnered** and said, "I'm going to **Hunsted** him down and **Drill** him into the **Wallner!** Then I'll put him in a full **Nelson** and smother him with some **Towles**."

Hellbent on revenge, she encountered **Julie Altmann, Carina Johnson, Chris DeLeo, Randy Jacobs, Cryshall Longcor, Bryan Melzer and Craig Mosser** painting the **Rockvam**. It read, "95 rules."

As she was passing by a **Firle** tree, under **Ed Weber's** classroom window, a **Kelly Green** pencil fell on her. She knew it was **John McKinzie** that was **Deinkening** around.

Soon she was at **Hardee's** where she pulled out a **Galvanized Smith** and **Wesson Macho-7, Tauered** over Troy and said, "Hey **Mack, Wetherell** or not you think you can **Waltz** by and leave me, I'm here to show you you can't. **Haugecky** can you get? **Howk** could you? **Huiras Sower** as a dill **Prechel**. Troy was **Schwabing**, "Don't **Kilmer** me! **Hauny** you can have my **Janni** tickets, my pet **Tuttle** or I'll take you fishing. (He

was in a **quagMeier**. He would say anything.) Before the gun could go **Zamzow**, she put it away. It was just like **Remmerting Steele**. So they went fishing. They caught a **MacKral** and a **Laabster** with **Netzkes**. On the way back from fishing, while listening to **Abbas** music, they saw **Brian Jamison, Chris Isaacson, Aaron Schnurrer, Leah Eckstein, Shane Toltzman and Vicky Lindmeyer** driving on the road.

They met up with **Tara Taralseth** who said she had **Lomaxed** her credit card and couldn't go to the party at **S. Davies Road**. The gang decided to check the party

out. It turned out to be an old abandoned **Hauser**. Jess said, "I wonder who **Owens** it?"

"Let's find out." "We can't. Here's a sign under this **Grejtak** saying it's **Clobesed**." Troy said, "I can **Brey** it open." Troy was working on the door while Jess was peaking into a window with **Penkertains**, The **Flores** were creaky. It was scaring the **Schmidt** out of them. (I better watch my **Language** if this is going to be published.) Jess **Ranweiler** friend Troy stayed. The **sElblings Rod** and **Ryan Swenson** descended the stairs. "C'mon up," they said.

There was a party going on! **Todd Rossing, Tony Ruiz, Travis Schneider, Chad Fortwwengler, Kelly Hillesheim, Joe Leonard, Derek Olson, Ron Vonderharr and Beth Gieseke** were there. **Shannon Williams** and **Renee Purrier** were **reKlinering** in chairs while **Carlos Lopez - Arenas** was in the bathroom shaving his **Viskers**. **Mike Schlottman** was **Fossing**. **David Tasto** found out he weighed **10,000 Grams**, and **Grewe** two inches.

Meanwhile **Lori Lokensgard, Sadi Martens, Pat Norman, Beth Wintheiser and Janis Grussendorf** were on a shopping

spree. They bought a teddy **Beranek**, a **Booker**, a **Guse** purchased at the pet store, some **Buboltz, Hines** ketchup, a stuffed **Nurmela** (from the TV show **Garfield**), a **Paulsonalized Brandel of Christiansen** stationary purchased at **Jacobs and Meidl**, and lumber to build a **Fenske**.

On their way back they got gas. Lori said to Janis, "Let's go into **Freedom** while **Beth Filzen** gas. Beth said, "You **Arndt** serious!" Later Lori said, "I need a new **DuBeau**. My last one was a computer **Hacker** and I want to try **Harder** to get a boyfriend who will buy me a **Sperl** necklace." "You're just jealous of **Meinert**," said Beth.

Suddenly, a **RePortner** came on the TV and said, "I hope I am not being **Tobiased**, but it's a **Matter** of thirteen **Jutz** being arrested at a party. This story will be in the **Lafayette Ledger** tomorrow.

Lori said, "Let's go to **Godfather's**." When they got there, **Rob Poncin** and **Chris Peters** were working. **Ginger Buker, Joe Tietel, Mike Reinhart and Ryan Altmann** had a corner booth. They were poking fun at each other.

Heidi Filzen, Randy Kral, Lonny Grathwohl and Kristy Schmitz look sleek in black.



"A Night Under the Stars"

by Betty Wetherell
Graphos Editor

Prom is a memorable time for all those who participate. This year's prom theme was "A night under the stars," a romantic theme based on a park like atmosphere. The park theme included trees, waterfalls, paths, and benches. The decorations created the idea of dancing underneath a star lit sky.

Prom night is special to all students no matter what they have planned for the night. However, some people went out of their way to ensure having a night to remember.

"Haag."
"Soukup."
"Loetcher."

"I'm gonna take this piece of **Streng** and strangle you!"

"Oh yeah? Well, by the time I finish with you, your body will be so **Osoria**, you will want to **Rolloff** to **Linbo** land and hide behind some **Bunkers**."

Meanwhile, **Nora Hoffmann, Navada Hillesheim, Yvette Anderson, Angie Lindmeyer, Sara Schломann, Kristy Schmitz and Stacey Schnobrich** were **Millering** around the parking lot. Everything seemed **Norman** until **Ben Gareis** and **Lonny Grathwohl** came by. Lonny rubbed his head and said, "Ben just hit me in the **DeCramer**."

Yvette said, "You're lucky the **Sandmann** didn't visit you permanently."

And then **Del Harpestad, Angie Hesse, Jason Abrahamson, Seth Gieseke, Cheryl Griebel, Mike Groebner, Melissa Schroeder and Kirsten Schuelke** flew to Asia to go to cheer up the lonely monks. It was a quiet journey.

We hope this piece of **Witt** is not **Wirtz** than last year.

Stacy Hauser invited her boyfriend **Jim Nethercott**, a former student, to join her for the prom. He flew to New Ulm from Oxford, Kansas, to attend the dance, and spend the weekend in New Ulm. According to Hauser, "It was a weekend out of a fairy tale."

Another group of friends decided that prom was a night for friendship as well as for romance. They rented the **Lind House** and ate dinner there. The group of 28 hired a private catering service to cook dinner. To add entertainment to the evening, this same **Prom**,
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editorial

This senior has heard one too many speakers



by Sam Tuttle
Graphos Columnist

Throughout our numerous years in school, we've been bombarded with several speakers. Most come to keep us from doing one of those dreaded things "other" kids do, like smoke, drink, snort powdered sugar. Others come to teach us how to live a more positive life. They come to tell us how their life struggle has caused them not to care what others think, they no longer enjoy getting buzzed, and that they now have "real" friends.

I applaud the attempt the school and other organizations have made to be helpful and meaningful, but I don't think they are really much of an impact. It is not the faces or words of the help-the-world-comedians who keep me from bumming a cigarette off a friend. I have different reasons. I realize I am a very cynical person, but I find myself not wanting to end up like those who talk at me. I always feel that they are so sappy I could make maple syrup out of their words.

I also find many speakers judgmental, accusatory, and labeling (we get enough of that in the school itself, we don't need to be bringing more in from the outside). The group is spoken to about the evils of one group or another, those who "do drugs," those who put others down, and those who try and keep you from being yourself, whatever that is. The problem is we are those people, and so are the people next to us.

If someone is to make a difference in my life, or at least make a dent, they need certain things (or need not have certain things). First of all they cannot have found God. Interpreting religion, even in subtle ways (example - through my faith I came through that awful period), makes it sound preachy, like parents, or untouchable. There are also people in this school, I am one of them, who find talk of religion uncomfortable and tedious. A statement like the previous would

quickly turn me against the speaker.

A speaker should not make a point of how they do not drink or smoke, especially if they've never done it. The majority of us have or will experiment with various chemicals. Most of the speakers are over 21, and it is perfectly legal and in general socially acceptable for them to have a beer during the Super Bowl. Although I respect those who resist this sort of activity if they think it is wrong or they can't handle it, it gives me the feeling that these speakers grew up in some hole 80 miles from the nearest person in the middle of Nebraska.

On the other hand, having been baked half your life and then coming through it to tell me how this is going to happen to me is scary but also tiresome.

In addition, a speaker should not be emotionally invincible. "My sister slit her wrists in front of me and my dying mother, who had a heart attack as a result, but I am all right." Come on! I want to hear how you sat in the closet crying for weeks, but that slowly you came out, and that you've finally hit the point where you don't think about it every hour.

In order for me to listen, you must be **REAL**. You must show me that, like all humans, you care if the cashier at McDonald's notices the zit on your nose. I want you to admit that there are times a cigarette would calm your nerves. I need to hear that you doubt your friends and your elders. All these things will make me more likely to listen. As an 18 year old I need to hear that what I am doing is not innately evil. I need to know that the results of my decisions may last a lifetime, but also that they may fade with time, and most are not disastrous.

I know that smoking could give me cancer, sex could get me pregnant, and that what courses I take in high school affect which college accepts me. What I really need to be given now is peace of mind.

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School no place for chewing tobacco

Dear editors:

For the past few months I've had to take more detours in our halls due to the accumulating chewing tobacco on the floor. I know keeping the school sanitary is not in your department; however, I do have concerns for the student body's health. The other day, after accidentally encountering chew on the hand railing, I really believed my health was at risk.

Really folks, spitting tobacco on the floor, stairs, or railing is not a pretty sight. Frankly, it's disgusting. There are places called garbage baskets or toilets that come in handy for a student who really has to spit their chew.

When I say student I mean a kid, someone not 18, a person who is not old enough to legally buy chewing tobacco. So, technically, whoever spit their chew on the floor has broken the law. Go figure!

Just think how it looks to those who visit NUHS. When they glance at their shoes, they see a puddle of brown, slimy, junk on the floor. That is not a good impression. I personally don't want my school remembered for something so repulsive.

In addition to being gross, spitting tobacco on the floor is distasteful, illegal, and the result of a bad habit, a habit that causes deformities in the cheek and gums.

There is no place for chewing tobacco in our school. I'm sure there are many others who agree with me. Unfortunately, this is one aspect of NUHS that is easier to step around than stop.

Yours truly,
A concerned student

Editors note: the letter was signed but the name was withheld upon request.

The Beatles are back

by Ryan Nelson
Graphos Columnist

In popular culture, everything old is eventually new again and right now it seems that the "saints" of pop culture, the **BEATLES**, are new again. It's no wonder when you look at today's musical climate to see why the Beatles have become popular. If you compare today's neo-punk music with the music that the Beatles put out in the early 60's, you'd see that both have catchy lyrics and a raw sound.

The new **LIVE AT THE BBC** CD is a showcase of the early Beatles raw sound. The CD is drawn from the Beatles many appearances on British radio in the early 1960's. Over the course of the 50 some tracks, we also hear several short interviews that perfectly show the Beatle's dry, very English sense of humor.

The Beatles unique sense of humor can also be seen in their three movies. Their first in my opinion is the best, **A HARD DAYS NIGHT**. The Beatles play four cheerful rock stars pursued by their fans all over London, England. They evade their fans but eventually are trapped in a recording studio where they are scheduled to play on an English variety show.

The darker side of the early



Beatles can be seen in last year's biographical movie, **BACKBEAT**, which tells of their time in Hamburg, Germany, in the early 60's playing a number of sets in bars and strip joints trying to develop their talents as a band.

In the end, I think **LIVE AT THE BBC**, **A HARD DAYS NIGHT**, and **BACKBEAT**, all show that the Beatles are still relevant today.

Letters

The Graphos welcomes the opinions of our readers in letters addressed "To the Editors." Each letter must be signed by the writer. It should be short and to the point in order to ensure their publication without condensation.

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Rich Peterson was selected teacher of the year.

Peterson personifies teaching

by Mandy Hoffmann
Graphos Reporter

NUHS teacher **Rich Peterson** has been selected Teacher of the Year (TOY) for ISD #88 by the New Ulm Education Association.

Thirty-three years ago Peterson began his journey towards teaching when he enrolled at St. Cloud State University undecided about a major. In high school and college Peterson competed in wrestling and always had an interest in physical fitness. Sooner or later, things just lead to physical education and coaching. He said that his extracurricular activities drew him into teaching.

Peterson has been teaching for 29 years, all of them in New Ulm. He initially taught eighth grade social studies and coached wres-

ting, but for the last 21 years he has primarily been teaching in the senior high school.

Peterson said that he has mixed feelings about "winning" TOY honors. "It's nice to be recognized," he said, but the part of the honor that bothers him is he doesn't understand how one person can be chosen as better than other teachers. "People come up to me and say 'Congratulations,' but I don't feel that anyone has won or lost. "What we're doing is recognizing quality education."

What Peterson likes the most about teaching is change, the change in faces from hour to hour and year to year. He also appreciates athletic skills and fitness and says that it's rewarding when he sees someone else gain those skills because of his teaching.

Contagious epidemic sweeps school

by Brad Weber
Graphos Reporter

There is no need for alarm, but everyone should be informed of a very contagious epidemic at NUHS. The symptoms range from mild sweating and disillusionment to the more serious itching and restlessness. The diagnosis is a severe case of **spring fever**.

While both the students and the faculty are being affected by this syndrome, school administrators have decided against closing school early. They declined to comment when asked by this reporter for an explanation.

"It's too nice to be in school" is the opinion that most students are expressing. Although students would much rather be on the beach tanning or playing sand volleyball, the average student will not receive that opportunity until school is out.

Some classes are more fortunate than others. Band members have been going outside to practice marching, and the phys. ed. classes are taking advantage of the nice weather by playing tennis, softball, and other outdoor activities. The ag classes had their reprieve during the Spring Ag Show, and STABLE members enjoyed the opportunity to spend a full day at Flandrau State Park with the third and sixth graders. As for the rest of the student body, except on special occasions, they are confined to their desks in small, cramped, stuffy rooms that are sometimes windowless and always removed from contact with the outside world.

In talking with the Board of Health, this reporter learned that the only remedy for spring fever is to get outside to soak up as many rays as possible. As soon as the symptoms disappear, enjoy the remainder of the season. Spring fever victims should fully recover by the end of the summer vacation.

Students' magic mystifies friends, earns extra money

by Tami Nelson
Graphos Reporter

Have you ever thought about becoming a magician? Doing magic tricks that will astound and mystify your friends? Well, we have two students who have been performing their particular magic for several years - **Don Pelto** and **Wayne Hunstad**.

When Pelto was about 8 years old, he wanted something fun to do. He is an only child so he had to entertain himself and turned to magic. He started with card tricks and worked up to more difficult things.

Hunstad started in a similar way. When he was young, his parents wanted him to have some hobby other than the usual baseball cards. They introduced him to magic.

Pelto says he enjoys magic because "I like to be in front of people, and I enjoy mystifying them." Hunstad likes the fact that it breaks down barriers between people much like an ice breaker.

He has done about 50 shows and Pelto estimates he does about two a month.

To become proficient at performing magic, they practice many hours. Hunstad practices about a half hour to an hour each night. Pelto says he used to practice "all the time, but now I only prac-



Don Pelto practices a magic trick.

tice new tricks. I practice until I have them mastered, then I perform them.

Recently Pelto performed at Washington Elementary and will be performing at the two upcoming STABLE retreats. Hunstad is going to be performing for the Park and Rec on June 30.

Both agree that practicing in front of a mirror is effective. Pelto said that "practice, practice, and more practice" is important to any aspiring magician.

Both have turned a fun hobby into a profitable way to entertain others. By being creative and spending time and effort on more than baseball cards, they have found a way to bring a smile to others and a little money to their pockets.

Arenas adjusts to small town

by Sarah Oetken
Graphos Reporter

After eight months in New Ulm, **Carlos Lopez Arenas** still says he enjoys his new home in New Ulm, Minnesota. Arenas, an AFS student, will be leaving in late June. Compared to the population of 800,000 in Arenas' home town of Seville, Spain, New Ulm seems small.

Arenas is staying with Mark and Brenda Wiger and their son and daughter, Jon and Jessica. In his home country Arenas lives with his mother, sister, and two brothers. Besides having younger siblings, he also has canaries.

Arenas thinks New Ulm is a very nice town. He said that the people are very open and friendly. One other thing he likes is the role of sports. The school is very supportive and encourages students to participate.

There are many more choices of athletics in New Ulm than in Seville. Arenas said that NUHS is like a mini-society. Everyone does everything with everyone else. There are many related activities and friendships are closer knit. One major difference between the two towns is that there are many more places to go in Seville.

Aside from these differences, there are also school differences. There is more freedom in Seville. He says

you aren't as controlled. Bathroom and hall passes aren't needed; there is more trust in his other school. In order to get the most out of his schooling in America, Arenas is taking several courses like Advanced Topics, Physics, American Literature, Economics, Advanced Drawing, and Fiction.

Arenas ran his way through the fall in cross country, and this spring he is joining the tennis team for some hitting action. Besides athletics, Arenas likes working out at the Fitness Center with friends. On the weekends he likes hanging out with his friends. He also remarked that he loves going to sporting events. In the mornings Arenas has been participating in intramural volleyball.



Carlos Lopez-Arenas is enjoying his stay in the United States.

Seize the day



by Luke Schmidt
Graphos Columnist

As a senior about to graduate, I thought that my last column might be a summary of all the helpful hints I have to pass on to the juniors and sophomores. Many hours and a few years of experience have gone into this advice, so you might find something that pertains to you.

In my sophomore year I learned quickly that the cliques that were developed in the junior high were no longer the cool thing to be a part of. Those cliques soon became labeled by what people thought of them. They thought they were better than other people and looked down on them. Meanwhile the other 95% of the class brushed them off as stuck on themselves and went on to make new friends with the other classes. This story stresses the point that individualism will get you farther in the senior high than the behavior I previously mentioned.

This doesn't mean you have to color your hair purple, it merely means to make lots of friends of different types. You'll find that they come in handy.

Another helpful hint I have discovered is to get into the school life. There are many things at NUHS that would appeal to just about everyone. The reason I say get involved is that there are many people who go to this school, but they really aren't a part of it. They don't come to cheer on the softball team or the tennis team. They sit at the football games and gossip instead of cheering on the team. Everything is about teamwork. Whether you're part of a team or merely watching one from the stands, give it your all to be a part of the high school community.

I write all these things from my experiences in the school, but I can't really say I abide them in my last few days of school. As a senior, these hints have no relevance to my situation. All I worry about now is getting on with my life next fall and coming back only for vacations or special events. Many people wish they could spend their whole lives in high school, but after getting out in the world a little bit, I have decided that it is time to be moving on.

This is a great town to grow up in so make the best of the opportunities you have. Listen to teachers, peers, and yourself to make your last couple of years here the best that they can be. Stay clean, stay involved, and stay in touch with reality, and your life will be off to a great start.

And they're off

by Shannon Clobes
Graphos Reporter

And they're off! The boys' and girls' track teams are in full stride and doing well.

Despite two meets canceled due to rain and bad weather, the Eagles have raced in five outdoor meets. Most of them have been invitationals in which as many as 11 teams have participated.

The girls have been very successful this season. They have captured a 4th place, a third, and three second places, including one in the SCC Conference. The girls' strong competition came from Fairmont, Mankato East and West. Tri-captain **Laura Prechel** said, "I'm proud of the team. In the coming years we will have lots of talented athletes."

The captains this year are **Shannon Clobes**, **Kim Drill**,

Prechel, **Ryan Altmann**, **Jamie Matter** and **Terry Smith**. Since both teams are young, they look to the six seniors for guidance and experience. "It's good to be in track with talented captains like Altmann, Smith and Matter," said **Brian Varland**. "I am happy that the upper classmen help me so much," said **Adam Papierniak**.

Inexperience has hurt the boy's team. With only four seniors, their team contains mostly freshman and sophomores. "We had a very young team this year with mostly freshman and sophomores, but we improved a lot throughout the year," said **Altmann**.

Three of the biggest meets in a track star's life still lie ahead. At divisions everyone gets a chance to compete, but only the top four relay teams and the top eight individuals advance to the region meet.

Baseball swings into spring

by Missy Fluegge
Graphos Reporter

In the midst of the players' strikes in the major leagues and disputes for higher salaries, devoted fans may be relieved to know that baseball at NUHS is still running strong.

Last season the Eagles finished the regular season with an impressive 20-8 record. In post-season play New Ulm earned a berth in the state tournament and beat Rosemount in the quarterfinals. After being defeated by Irondale in the Class AA championship game, the Eagles carried home the second place title.

This season marks coach **Jim Senske's** 32nd year in baseball at NUHS. In early season practices, over 50 boys trained for the upcoming games at the "A" and "B" squad levels, and 18 players were named to each roster. The Eagles lost only two starters from last year. **Corey "Shaq" Schaefer** has filled **Craig Linbo's** shoes at second base, and **David "Beaver" Galvin** is playing third, **Landon Rathman's** position last year.

The Eagles are strong because of their experienced players. Eight starters are returning to the varsity squad, several of whom played key positions in the Eagles' success in previous seasons. The team has substantial pitching abilities. "We have some established starters in **Jared Visser**, **Mike Schlottman**, **Rod Swenson**, and **Chris Peters**," said Senske.

"We're four deep with veteran pitching. We have a junior in **Ben Dier** who looks promising."

The position behind the plate also appears to be secure. "We have a veteran catcher in **Peters** and a backup in **Brady Ranweiler**."

Veteran hitters on the team will play a significant part in the Eagles success. "We have most of our top hitters back," said Senske, citing **Adam Horton**, **Peters**, **Brady Ranweiler**, **Ryan Swenson**, and **Brad Weber** as key players in the batting lineup. "On paper we look quite good," Senske said.

Expectations for the season are high. "We always have three goals," Senske said. The immediate task is to win the conference, a feat which the Eagles have accomplished nine of the last 10 years. As the team progresses in the playoffs, they will be focused on winning the region title, which they have done successfully for five of the past seven seasons. Finally, the Eagles hope to advance to state tournament action and "compete well."

In the South Central Conference, St. Peter, St. James, and Waseca are expected to be New Ulm's toughest foes. Outside of conference play, the Eagles will see tough play from Henry Sibley, Edina, Cretin, Minnetonka, and Mankato West in tournament action. New Ulm, Mankato East, and Mankato West are the top three regional threats.



Senior captain David Tasto returns a shot.

Prom, continued from Page 1 group went to a bowling alley for something to do. Tuxedos and dresses included. **Christie Wiesner** said that bowling shoes were much more comfortable than the traditional high heels that went with her dress.

"The best part of prom was the chance to get all dressed up and actually have some place to go," said **Travis Schneider**. Most of us agree that the magic of prom is spending the night dressed to kill. It is not everyday that the opportunity arises to spend too much money to look good.

In the fashion department this year long straight black dresses ruled the dance floor. They were complemented by guys dressed in black tuxedos and lots of red and

white roses. Most of the girls wore their hair up in elaborate styles. The guys looked classy with spiffed up dress shoes and bow ties.

For **Laura Osorio**, a student visiting New Ulm from Venezuela, the best part of prom was going to the dance and attending the after prom party, a big hit with all those who attended. The party took place at Vogel Arena and went from midnight until 5 a.m. Music, volleyball, food, a mechanical bull, and a gambling casino were the popular activities.

Prizes were given to those gamblers who won the most money during the night. Door prizes were given to all those students who attended. The prizes were donated by local stores and businesses.