

the Graphos

March 1978

New Ulm, Minnesota 56073

the



The annual spring fever epidemic has hit New Ulm as more and more signs of spring are appearing in the area.



Spring fever has sprung

by Kim Schmiesing

When we think of illnesses, we may think of all the starving Rockefeller children or the adolescents suffering from terminal acne. But how many of us ever consider spring fever? This disease will not bring John Travolta dancing to your doorstep; in fact it may not even make your temperature rise. Nonetheless, this disease is very serious and should not be taken lightly.

No one is spared. Like a cancer spring fever grows until all are afflicted. Like the common cold there's no cure, and one may not even notice as it slowly but surely sets in, dulling all your senses and taking your breath away. You probably won't know you're sick, but when you start doing exercises and cleaning your room, you'll know.

Spring fever may begin in a harmless manner. A little exercise and a clean room never hurt anyone. It's when you start polishing tennis shoes and flying a kite in the snow that one might think he's at the "point of know return."

The symptoms and effects of spring fever somehow suddenly disappear the day after school closes for summer vacation, so there is still hope for those with acute spring fever.

To overcome spring fever restlessness, one might eat an apple a day, take two aspirin, drink plenty of liquids, get some rest, or call the doctor next fall. Although the arrival of spring usually eliminates all anxieties.

So for those of you with that feeling of spring restlessness, may you have a clean room, a high flying kite and get well soon!

editorial

Precinct caucus venture has merit



by Bob Skillings

Tuesday, February 28, was declared by the State of Minnesota as precinct caucus day. Therefore, on this day no activities in schools or communities could take place. The caucuses were to be held in every county at eight-o'clock in the evening.

Because I was curious and will be of legal age to vote in next November's general election, I decided to see what a precinct caucus is all about. I attended the DFL precinct caucuses held at Jefferson Elementary school in New Ulm.

At the commencement of the meeting, everyone met in the gymnasium to go over the business and procedures for the entire evening. Chairman Randall Kroening greeted everyone, went over instructions, and then directed us to separate areas where each of the 11 precincts would meet.

When my precinct was

organized, we began procedures which are oftentimes referred to as the "grass roots" of governmental decision. We actually drew up six resolutions to be submitted to a county resolutions committee, which will review and revise all the resolutions before sending them to the DFL County Convention held on March 18 at the Orchid Inn in Sleepy Eye.

Any member of the precinct could initiate a resolution, and if it passed after being voted upon, it would then be drawn up. Among our precinct's resolutions were the building of a new dam on the Cottonwood River, reaffirmation of the ERA, and a revision of tax laws for senior citizens.

Members of precincts not only participate at the caucus level but represent their precincts as delegates at county, district, and state conventons. This is the time when the people can be heard and have a say in their government, yet only a small percentage of eligible voters take part. It is disheartening that people prefer criticising rather than putting forth an effort to solve problems.

I considered the evening a very worthwhile venture. Not only did I learn how I may voice an opinion in governmental matters of my concern, but I also met members of the community who are interesting people with interesting concerns and opinions. I am looking forward to precinct caucuses in 1980. You should too.

The Kite

The small kite, with the Jolly Green Giant on it, took off into an erratic flight that dipped and

swooped while the father and son watched breathlessly.

by Lisa Hubert

Shopping center creates controversy

by Pete Weissmann

In the past year there has been much controversy because of New Ulm's proposed shopping center.

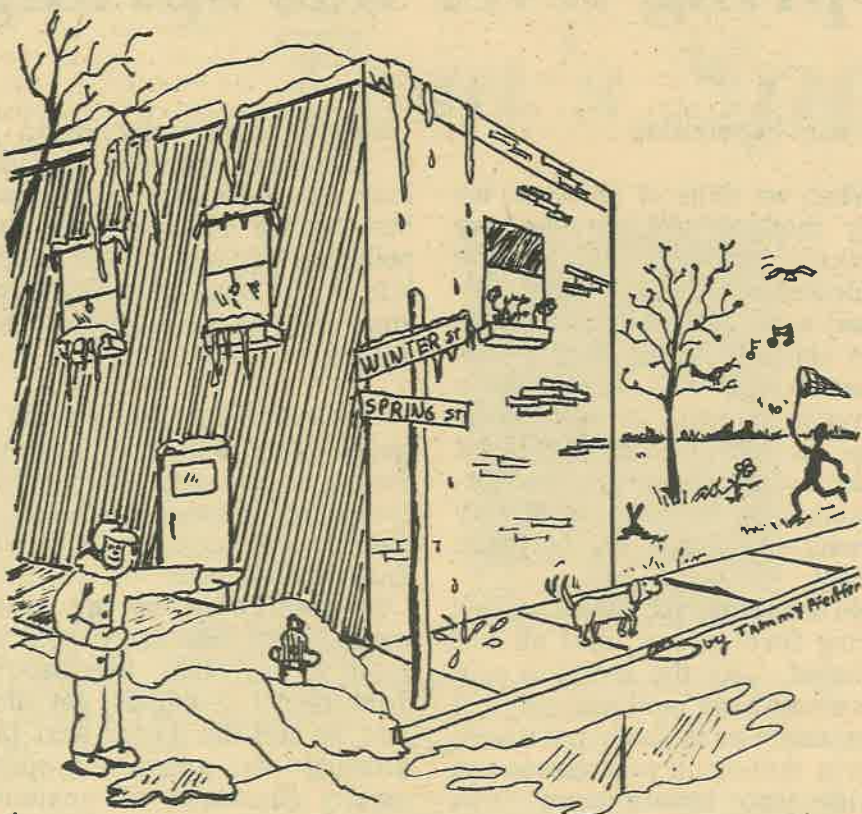
Concern for the center's effect on New Ulm's downtown business district has been the underlying cause for debate since this endeavor was proposed by Orrin Ericson. Opponents of the shopping center claim that such a project would force many small businesses on Minnesota Street to close because of the new competition. Others welcome this fresh competition because of the favorable economic situation it will offer to area consumers.

The major problem which hindered the center's endorsement by the New Ulm City Council involved a technicality about the zoning status of the project's eventual site. The location of Ericson's development at the junction of Highways 15 and 29 caused concern since this site was not within New Ulm's city limits, but the land required the use of New Ulm's utilities. Ericson said he would be willing to pay for his "fair share" of the work if utilities were incorporated into this section of land.

Even though the center itself will occupy only ten acres and the planned utilities could potentially serve several hundred acres, Ericson nevertheless agreed to finance \$300,000 of the \$550,000 it will take to make this land commercially usable. After Ericson had asked for a thirty-seven day delay of the deadline of his \$300,000 commitment, his project appeared to be dead when Mayor Carl Wyczawski threatened to veto the City Council's approval of his extension request. The money for the utilities work was obtained, however, and this guarantee seems to indicate that Ericson has secured enough tenants to satisfy the financiers backing the project. Since Ericson's \$300,000 trust is non-refundable, the shopping mall appears to be ready for construction this spring.

According to present estimations work on the shopping center will begin before March 18, and the mall will begin doing business sometime during the spring of 1979. The mall will include a Woolworth store along with about fifty other shops of varying sizes which Ericson has not yet named. Besides Woolworth's, Herberger's is expected to be the second major department store in the mall although no definite announcements to this effect have yet been made.

Many variables will determine the success of the shopping center and its effect on downtown New Ulm. How many Minnesota Street retailers relocate in the mall and what new shops are attracted to the center will influence New Ulm's future development and the shopping center's success.



"IT FEELS LIKE SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER."

graphos

Editors: Mike Matz, Bob Skillings
Art: Vance Donner, Tammy Pfeiffer
Photography: Mr. John Olson, Mr. Mike Reelofs and the Photography Club
Layout: Sue Kunz, Kim Schmiesing
Advisor: Mr. Ed Weber

the guidepost

by Ms. Marty Webb
Counselor

Have you found yourself staring blankly into space in the middle of an exciting lecture? Or barely able to drag yourself out of bed, even after 10 hours of sleep? Have you noticed your body losing energy through the strenuous task of opening a text book?

Perhaps you are suffering from cabin fever, the mid-winter blahs, or some variation thereof. It seems that even with all the winter school activities, students and teachers are still likely to catch at least a bit of the fever virus. The symptoms are pretty easy to identify — grumpy disposition, depression, increase in weight (for those of us who eat when we're depressed), weight loss (for those of you who can't eat when you're depressed), feeling bored, let down, and unable to control your fate.

It's easy to identify when you have these March-can't-wait-'til-spring blues. The main thing that causes these blue times is a lack of physical exercise. Our physical self is tied directly to our emotional state. We can't separate the two. When we're down physically, we're almost certain to be down emotionally. During the winter months, we do a lot of sitting around so our bodies don't get the exercise they need. The Greeks believed in keeping the body as fit as the mind. They knew a person *couldn't be competent emotionally or mentally if he was not up to par.* They really would have had a challenging time dealing with Minnesota winters.

But there are things you can do to start exercising your physical self. A crisp winter evening is a beautiful time for a walk. The stars are usually brilliant and the fresh air can be really refreshing. Cross-country or down-hill skiing is another way of helping your body keep pace. Perhaps you're more of the stay-at-home type? If so, try building a snowperson or getting into a good old-fashioned snowball fight.

Whatever you chose to do start getting active and the blood flowing, the main thing is to get started. Once you get your body moving and gaining energy, you'll find that your head starts getting more active also. Rather than lying around the house being bored or feeling down and helpless, you need to get out and do anything physical to get your body going again.

I guess you can liken yourself to an automobile that has sat in the driveway all winter long. When you first try to start it, it may be a little stiff and even die a few times, but once you get it warmed up and drive it around a little bit, it starts running like it did before. Every good mechanic knows that it's not good for a car to sit idle for an extended length of time and yet we let our bodies do that during the winter and think nothing of it. It's time to treat your body and emotional self at least as well as that old clunker rusting in the driveway.

So if you really want to get out of that winter rut you're in, get moving! Charge up your battery and start running, playing, and enjoying the winter. We Minnesotans are lucky(?) enough to be trapped in.

Attention Students: We will be running another PEER Contact program this spring. This is a group program that can help you to better self-understanding and self-work and help others get there too. If you're interested, sign up in the guidance office.

St. Patrick's Day ceremonies observed

by Cindy Sperling

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on March 17 to honor St. Patrick, patron saint of Ireland.

The dates for the birth of St. Patrick range from 373 A.D. to the early 400's. Scotland, France, England, and Wales all claim to be his birthplace. In one of his letters, St. Patrick states that he was born at Bannavem Taberniae, but the location of that city today is unknown. The date of his death is likewise uncertain. He seems to have died in either 461 or 492.

One Irish legend states that he lived to be 120 as did Moses of old. Some scholars believe that there may have been two St. Patricks whose individual actions have been credited to one man. The generally accepted date for his death is March 17.

When St. Patrick was sixteen years old, he was kidnapped by Irishmen and sold as a slave in Ireland, where he spent six years tending flocks. He later became a missionary in Ireland and succeeded in converting some twelve thousand people to Christianity. He also founded churches, schools, and at least one college and is credited with bringing civilization to Ireland.

Many legends have grown up about St. Patrick. He is said to have been a "miracle worker" who supposedly raised his father and several others from the dead, burned snow to make a fire, and allegedly drove all the snakes and vermin out of Ireland. One tradition says that St. Patrick was granted by God the right to judge the Irish on the day of Final Judgment.

St. Patrick's Day is Ireland's only legal holiday. Although basically a religious observance, the three day period of "devotion" which it begins, is marked by generous visiting of pubs by merry-making Irishmen who down generous quantities of the traditional "green beer."

The Shamrock is now commonly used as a symbol of Ireland and St. Patrick. In ancient times, however, it was used in Celtic fertility rites, where its green leaves were burned and the ashes spread over the field to promote growth.

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated in most of the United States. The largest celebration and parade are held in New York City where thousands of people take part in the two and one half mile procession



Seniors attain many memories

by Vicky Helget

There is a saying, "How time flies when you're having fun." How true this expression is for many of us seniors. Whether we realize it or not, we have less than three months left of our high school career.

Although time seems to pass right before our eyes, it will leave us with fond memories of new friendships, sports activities, homecoming, and whatever seemed special to us.

How can we forget friends, the reason some of us come to school? They help us survive the boring days, make us laugh, help us with our work, and, most of all, help us have fun!

This year, like always, seniors have become a closer class. Everyone seems to be associating with everyone, but individuals still have their special friendships built up through their "good old" school days. Times spent going to Gibbon, having parties, and just talking with friends will linger in minds forever.

Friends are only one of the memories we will have. Sports will surely be tucked away inside our thoughts. It would be impossible to forget all the great times many of us spent cheering our hockey team! The many trips we took to St. Peter to watch our skaters and then going to Mankato for a taco after the game. And, of course, we won't forget that special trip we took to the Met!

And what about our beautiful football season filled with rain and mud, the effort put forth by our basketball teams, our great wrestling and gymnastics season,

and cross country's trip to the state? Aren't they all unforgettable?

Although friends and sports will always remind us of good times, what will we remember of our last homecoming? For some it will be leaving our trade mark of "Ya, Ya, Ya," "Shine on! Seniors," and "78 is Great" all over town.

For others it will be going to the dance with that special someone. And yet for others it will be the review, parade, or the football game. But put these memories all together and we will remember the year as one of the best times we ever had.

Yes, our senior year is definitely a memorable one, but wait, there is more to come.

We still have many sports activities coming up, which will give us a chance to let out the rest of our school spirit. There will be track, softball, and perhaps some post season competition for our baseball team.

We also have prom to look forward to, a final chance to spend a day with our friends who may soon be gone. Finally, graduation will arrive and we will no longer be seniors. But for now, let's take advantage of the time we have left, for we seniors have seen our last homecoming festivities, school dances, studies, athletic competition, and other social activities. They will all be memories of what most of us will look back on as one of the best times of our lives. Our Ya, Ya, Yas will slowly fade away as this thirteen-year period of happiness, sorrow, success, failure, friendship, and companionship comes rapidly to a close.

Fourth Hour

Walking all alone in the hall,
I heard a shout or was it a call?
Then I heard this rumbling sound.
It grew so loud I turned around.
In the fleeting second before I fell,
I saw them coming and tried to yell.
But now I think as I'm trying to heal,
"Never stand in the hall before the noon meal."

by Lisa Hubert

Hard working debaters enjoy success

by Lynn Ludewig

The NUHS Debate Team has been very successful in its tournaments this year. The team's coach, Mr. Jim Aufderheide, indicated that more awards were received this year than last year. This improvement was achieved despite the fact that team members participated in the same number of tournaments as last year. Most of the teams that competed against NUHS were very well prepared and made awards

more difficult to attain. Aufderheide believes that the team gained success because the students worked very hard throughout the season.

The team is divided into three groups similar to the divisions of athletic teams. Varsity team members included Dan Stimpert, Kirsten Mickelson, Jane Stadick, and Ann Schwab. Junior Varsity members were Brenda Reinhart, Mayra Iverson, Rene Perry, and Mary Man-

derfeld. Rhonda Perry and Leann Schwab are on the Novice Team, which includes only those students in their first year of debate.

Debate team members received awards at six tournaments this year. They competed with over 100 schools from approximately four midwestern states. At Apollo High School in St. Cloud, a second place Novice awards was received. In the tournament at NUHS, Kirsten Mickelson received the Top Speaker Award. Second place in Junior Varsity was also awarded to the New Ulm team. At the Trojan Debate Tournament in Worthington, third place Varsity was awarded.

Kirsten Mickelson received the Top Speaker Award at the St. Olaf Debate Tournament in Northfield. Third place Varsity was also awarded. Third place Junior Varsity and second place Novice were received at the Stopover Debate Tournament in Willmar. At the Section Debate Tournament, which is actually the regional contest, second place was awarded. Dan Stimpert and Kirsten Mickelson participated in the State Debate Tournament.

Aufderheide said that although Stimpert and Mickelson did not receive an award, just being able to participate in the state meet was quite an accomplishment in

itself. They competed against some of the best debaters in the state.

This year's debate topic was "Resolved: That the federal government should guarantee comprehensive medical care for all citizens in the United States." Half of the team prepares negative information for this proposal while the other half of the team speaks in favor of it.

Debate serves purposes. It is a means of "sharpening the mind" according to Aufderheide and aids in organizing thoughts and ideas. Debate also helps students with verbal expression and speaking skills.

Mr. Pat Schwab, the assistant debate coach, commented, "I think debate offers a very unique opportunity in that individuals realize potential in themselves. To think, speak, and react on your feet is a valuable asset later in life."

Debate offers many rewards and opportunities. Traveling to different communities is one aspect of debate. It is a way to meet many new people and participate in a challenging activity with these people.

Generally speaking, those involved in debate feel that it demands time, work, and concentration, but debate can be a lot of fun and a very worthwhile experience.



Betty Dummer, left, tells Tami Schwager, center, and Jyneal McCrea, right, what to do with all those yearbook pictures they ordered.

NUHS to be "house cleaned" by NCA next year

by Dave Traurig

A group called the North Central Association (NCA), of which NUHS is a member, evaluates midwestern schools. Next November New Ulm High School will be evaluated.

Member schools of the NCA are evaluated every seven years. At this time a group of educators comes to observe classes, talk with teachers and students, and check other school activities. At the end of a couple days stay, these people will fill out reports which are given to the local school. These reports are filled with evaluations and recommendations for improvements as well as reinforcement of strengths.

Mr. Tom Wilson, high school principal, says "It gives us time to look at our program, a sort of house cleaning, and throw out some old programs and add some new ones."

Before any of these things happen though, the faculty must sit down the previous year and make their own evaluations of the school and its programs. This process started a few weeks ago. There are twenty-three committees, one for every department. There are also special committees such as School and Community, Curriculum, Student Activities, Educational Media, and Driver Education.

These committees are composed of several faculty members with one serving as chairperson of that committee. Each faculty member serves on two committees.

A student council member also serves on each committee. It is also up to each committee chairperson to decide if other

members of the student body should serve on the committee. To complete the membership of each committee, one or more parents were asked to provide their input.

The general function of these committees is to evaluate their specific departments. At the first meeting each member was given a booklet containing several pages of questions to answer and charts to fill out pertaining to that area. There is also room for any comments that the committee might want to make. For example, on the School and Community committee there are a number of charts to fill out pertaining to subjects like how long a student is in our system, career intentions after high school, and what kinds of occupations most students choose. This committee also looks into the occupations and educational status of adults in the community and many more school and community relationships.

The role of those selected students and parents on the committees is to represent the student body and the local community. "The student and parent are there to ask about some things a person from that department might overlook," remarked Mr. Wilson.

NCA turns out to be quite a learning experience for all groups, students, teachers, and parents. The teachers will find out what should be changed or kept in their departments and also what is happening in other departments. The students and parents get many questions answered about what each department is doing to meet student and community needs. New Ulm High School will also find out where improvements are needed and where present programs are doing well.

Preparations begin for yearbooks

by Lisa Isenberg

Have you gotten out and paged through your old yearbooks lately? The next time you do, just try to imagine all the time, energy, and hard work that went into making them. The 1977-78 yearbook staff is now at work putting together another pictorial collection of memories for New Ulm High School students.

This year's yearbook will be basically the same as last year's with a few unspecified changes. The cover design has not yet been decided. There are six editors on the yearbook staff; each heads a specific section. They are Randy Hartten, Chief Editor; Vicky Helget, Activities; Betty Dummer, Sports; Sandy Gieseke and Lisa Hubert, Students; and Margo Scheible, Faculty. The yearbook advisor is Miss Sue Kaltsulas. There is also a staff of approximately fifteen workers. More are always needed, and Miss Kaltsulas says it's never too late to join.

At the beginning of the year, the staff got together and made up a ladder, an organized, page by page blueprint of the yearbook. They've been following this plan ever since. Now the deadlines are ap-

proaching and all work is geared toward meeting them. The first of four deadlines was late February. By May 10 every page will have been turned in to Jostens of Topeka, Kansas, for publication.

An important part of the yearbook is the photography. Mr. John Olson and Mr. Mike Roelofs are the two photographers. The editors go through the prints, decide which ones and what size they want to use. They then send the print orders back to the dark room with the correct dimensions to be printed.

After the pictures come back in the requested size, the pages are put together and a final copy is made to send to Jostens. The staff tries to get all this work done meeting every Tuesday after school for about an hour. Since the library is always open, staff members can also work during study halls and lunch hours.

The 1978 yearbook will go on sale soon. Although the current price has not yet been set, Miss Kaltsulas expects to sell approximately 600 yearbooks. Be sure to buy one for those nights when you want to reminisce about those good old days at NUHS.

Movie may persuade third kind to come

by Sandy Hindermann

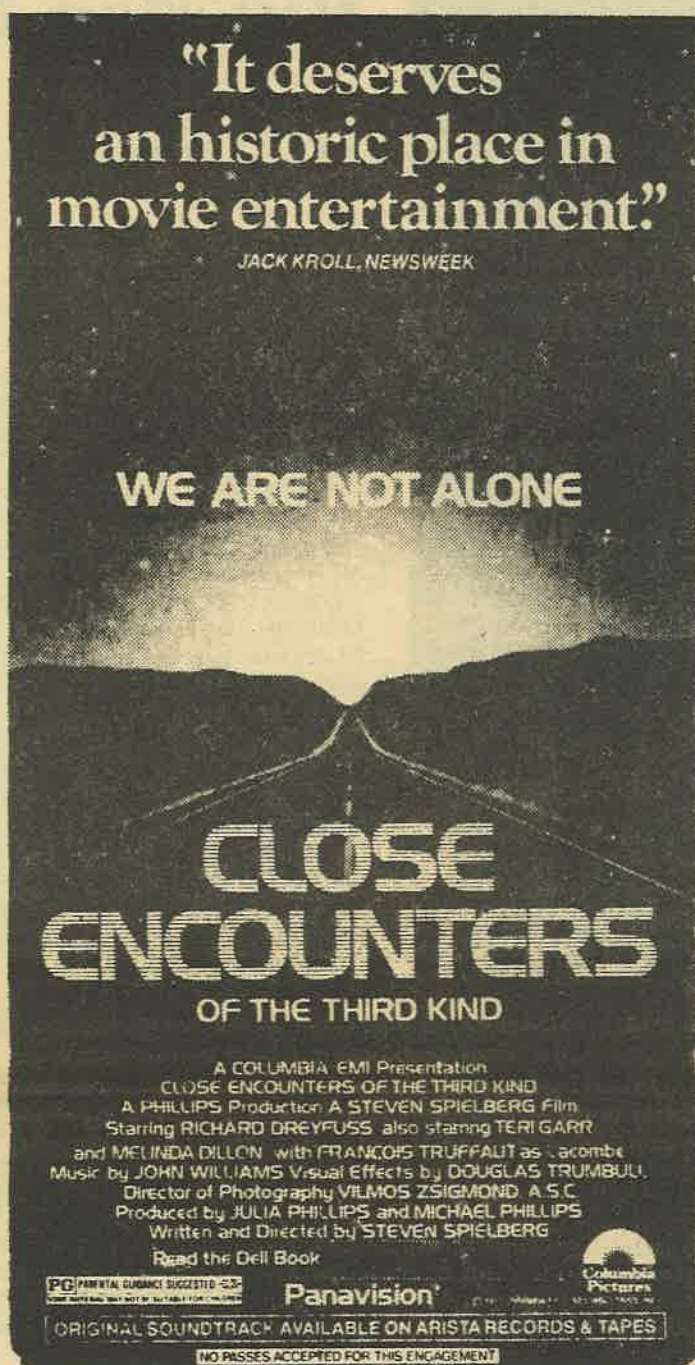
(Editor's note: Sandy's review of "Close Encounters" is based on a feature that appeared in the November 21, 1977, issue of Newsweek.)

Fifteen million Americans - an amazing 11 percent of the adult population - say they have seen a UFO (Unidentified Flying Object.) Included in that number is no less than Jimmy Carter, who filed two formal reports in 1973 when he was governor of Georgia. "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" is a genuine work of the popular imagination. It is the first true science-fiction film that blends some very startling, far-out special effects with ordinary human material.

French astrophysicist Jacques Vallee has raised the hypothesis "the UFO phenomenon is purely human," the result of a "defense mechanism that reveals itself only in times of extreme social stress." "Close Encounters" works because of this purely human element; it's not about the paranormal but about people.

The hero in the movie, Roy Neary, is pure Joe Citizen: a hard hat who works for an electrical power company in Indiana. He is a Dagwood-type husband with a Blondie-type wife and three cut kids. This ordinary suburbanite with a snack-filled refrigerator gets his news from Walter Cronkite and enjoys tinkering with trains. Neary wants a flying saucer in his life about as much as he wants a massive power black-out in his area. But that's what he get — both of them.

Roy's experience with the UFOs turns his life inside out and leads him through a series of comic and catastrophic ad-



ventures to an ultimate rendezvous with creatures from beyond the stars.

A close encounter of the first kind is sighting the UFO. The second kind is actual physical evidence, and an encounter of the third kind is actual physical contact with the spaceships and their inhabitants.

In the rendezvous between earthlings and extraterrestrials, at the mysterious Devil's Tower in Wyoming, the moviegoer senses the optimism and insistence that the best people are those who retain a childlike receptivity to the unknown.

There is much irony in the difference between the tremendous display of hardware assembled on the mountaintop by the earthlings - computers, cameras, synthesizers, portable toilets - and the infinitely more complex machinery of the visitors. It is so complex that human senses monitor them as a powerful but delicate armada of lights as if these creatures have found that the best place to exist is that delicate point between matter and energy.

Never has a movie produced such an overwhelming, ever-changing rhapsody of light-so much so that you realize that a movie is, in fact, nothing more than light projected onto a surface.

First and foremost, "Close Encounters" is an entertainment movie. But the paradox and the point of the best entertainment movies has always been the power of meaning that breaks through. "Close Encounters" is the warmest, friendliest science-fiction epic you've ever seen. It brings the heavens down to earth. If there really are alien beings buzzing hesitantly around us in their interstellar whizbangs, "Close Encounters" may finally persuade them to come down and make friends.

Eating is interesting and vital feature

by Randy Hartten

A favorite pastime of students is eating. Most high school students will eat anything because constant hunger is an important characteristic of most students. Even those few who confess to be on a strict diet still seem to consume enormous quantities of food.

When a student wakes up in the morning, the first thing he must accomplish before going to school is eating a good breakfast. A breakfast may consist of anything ranging from cereal and toast to chocolate chip cookies and candy. Nutrition is definitely not something students think much about. Generally a student will eat anything that is within easy reach or tastes good. There are a few students who prefer to skip breakfast and concentrate on a larger dinner.

Dinner in the school cafeteria is a sight to behold. Students race to the lunch line as though they would die if they did not get some food into their systems immediately. Most students scrape their trays clean and are soon back in line begging for more. This routine continues until the students must report to their next hour class. Always to be seen are the weight-watchers



who sit at the cafeteria tables without a tray. They still, however, seem to eat an entire meal by grabbing something off several people's trays. Somehow they think they are not eating as much as the regular noon lunchers.

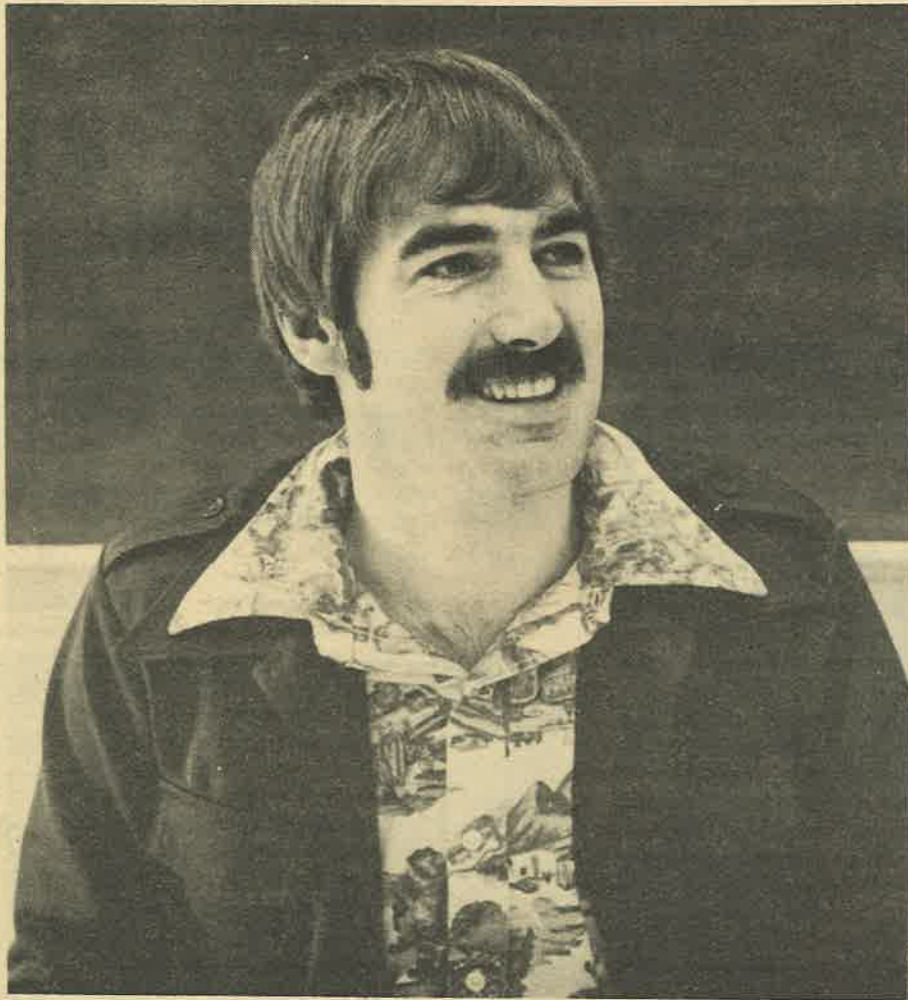
The noon meal is enough to satisfy some

students. Most students, however, must resort to eating candy as a form of additional nourishment in the afternoon. Students are always munching on something between classes. Eating chocolate becomes habit forming and eventually one cannot go without it for

even a day. Of course, the "dying to be skinny" people would not think of eating a candy bar because it is fattening and bad for the complexion. Instead these people will eat their so-called health foods like Granola Bars. They are defeating their own purpose; however, when they eat seven at a time. Hunger rules over all.

Logically, the school day ends with an "after school snack." There are endless possibilities as to what this snack may consist of. A couple of hours later comes supper. After supper, one would think that a student would be bloated to the point of no return. Surprisingly, the evening feast is yet to come. A student will gather with his friends in front of the television and eat some more. (Everyone knows that watching television is not the same without food). Favorite television snacks are pizza, tacos, and several bags of different kinds of chips. Last, but not least, is the bedtime snack. A few hours rest and the cycle starts all over again.

With everything considered, what would one do with his time if he did not have to eat?



Sometimes success is very elusive, but Coach Dave Hartmann has sampled it often and vows that New Ulm's basketball program will be winning in the future.

New coach hopes to spur winner

by Randall Stuckey

Athletics can be a very big part of someone's life, and for Mr. Dave Hartmann; basketball has been a good part of his life.

Mr. Hartmann, a social studies teacher and head basketball coach at NUHS, grew up in Paynesville, Minnesota. He was very active in school and community activities. Hartmann was involved in many school athletic programs such as basketball, football, and track. His achievements in these sports include being named to the All-Conference Basketball team for three years and All-Conference in football for two years. In track he set a conference and district high jump record of 6'2½". He also competed in three events in the regional meet. In high school he was also involved in student government, a writer for the school newspaper, and a member of the Letterman's Club.

Hartmann attended college at the University of Minnesota-Morris, where he majored in history and physical education and also earned a coaching degree. As a freshman he played on the basketball, football, and track teams. As a sophomore he started on the basketball team. As a senior he was on the first team All-Conference squad and was captain of the basketball team. In track he placed in the conference for three years.

Participating and watching all sports is one of Mr. Hartmann's past times, but basketball has been his favorite. He has played basketball since third grade and has always loved the game. Attending the State Basketball Tournament has been an annual event for Mr. Hartmann since he was a sophomore in high school. During his lunch hour in high school Mr. Hartmann shot baskets for forty-five minutes, which shows he was very interested in the sport and loved to play the game. Today he plays in the New Ulm City Basketball League.

Hartmann started teaching in New Ulm in 1974 and had some expectation of becoming involved in the basketball program. He always had the dream of becoming a head basketball coach. His

dream materialized last summer when he was named NUHS Head Basketball Coach.

As the season approached this year, he knew it was going to be a tough experience. "I knew it was going to be a tough season, but I had confidence we were going to win a few." As most fans are aware of, the basketball team had a very disappointing season, and it was an emotionally draining time for Mr. Hartmann in his first year as head coach. For a person who has a great fondness for the game, the poor season was especially tough.

Mr. Hartmann said that he got emotionally up for the games he thought they could win but really felt down after the loss. He also thought the fan support was outstanding throughout the year, and the team really wanted to win a game for the fans.

Reading current publications, hunting, and watching all sports are Mr. Hartmann's hobbies. When he was younger, he hunted a lot but finds it hard now because of his assistant football coaching in the fall. He manages every fall to go goose hunting in North Dakota at least once. He also enjoys reading sports stories and what other coaches say about sports.

Hartmann feels that basketball in New Ulm is growing with the start of a grade school program. He feels that in a few years the program should really pay off. He also feels that next year's basketball season seems to look brighter. After talking individually with the players, "Most of the players feel that they could win half of their games next year, but they would have to work hard during the off-season."

In order to have a successful season next year, Hartmann believes the team must have a good relationship between the coaches and the players. He feels that in today's sports a coach needs to understand the people he is coaching, and the coach needs to get a good working relationship with his players.

With this attitude toward coaching and the confidence Mr. Hartmann has shown, most fans think success is in the making for the basketball team and Mr. Dave Hartmann.

people

Big Man On Campus involved, athletic

by Julie Blomquist

When I got my assignment for this month's issue, an article on Nancy Backer, March's Big Man On Campus, I thought that it would be really easy. I have known Nancy since the 7th grade. I thought I could write on and on about her and never run out of things to write. Well, I was wrong. It was harder than I thought. (Most of the things I know about her could not be printed!)

Coming from a family of eight children, 3 girls and 5 boys, Nancy has turned out to be quite an athlete. Her whole family, in fact, has always been active in many sports.

Nancy is the oldest of the 3 kids still at home. The Backers have 3 dogs, a rabbit, and a raccoon so their house is always lively.

Cheerleading keeps Nancy busy in the fall. She has cheered for football since the 7th grade, but this year was a little different than the others. "I enjoyed cheering for the fall sports even though it was difficult cheering in mud and rain." Nancy was the captain of her cheerleading squad and thought that all the girls got along very well.

Homecoming 1977 was an unforgettable experience for Nancy. She was chosen as a Homecoming Queen candidate. "The seniors started out a great year by working on the float." Nancy feels working on the float got her grade much closer. "We did a lot together at that time."

Gymnastics keeps Nancy busy during the winter months. She is the captain of the

gymnastics squad this year. At the subregion meet in Mankato, Nancy qualified for region competition. She competes in vaulting, floor exercise and all around. She was very proud of the squad for going to the region as a team too. Nancy has gone to the state meet for the past 3 years and hopes to make it there this year also. "I might go out for gymnastics in college, but I don't know for sure yet."

Track keeps Nancy busy in the spring. She is anxious for her senior track season to start. Nancy runs short distances and the relay. She has gone to region competition the last few years. "I like track because I like to be outside."

Student council keeps Nancy busy throughout the school year because she is a very active member. She sells candy at all of the boys' basketball games and enjoys helping plan the many different council activities. She likes getting people involved in the many different activities school has to offer.

Nancy likes to snow ski, a sport which she just started this year. She caught on fast with the help of her instructors and really likes to go over the jumps!

Next year Nancy plans to attend St. Cloud State University. She wants to become a phys. ed. teacher, athletic trainer, and a coach. She is excited and yet scared about going to college because she doesn't know what to expect. She feels the time in high school is going by so fast too. New Ulm High School is full of many outstanding people, and Nancy Backer has got to be one of these people.



March's BMOC, Nancy Backer, fulfilled her goal by reaching the state gymnastics meet for the fourth consecutive year.

All-star wrestler among faculty

by Mike Matz

Amidst the faculty of NUHS we have a celebrity, one of the world's greatest wrestlers. His name is Vern Gagne. In order to keep a low profile, however, he goes by the alias of Mr. Mike Roelofs. For the sake of the low profile this man wishes, which is an inherent right of any man if he so desires, we will refer to his alias throughout the rest of the article. Despite the uncovering of his real identity we would hope that nobody refers to him as Vern when you see him lumbering down the halls.

Actually Mike Roelofs is his correct name, and he picked up the nickname Vern Gagne when he started teaching here in 1975. Apparently, as he recalled the incident, a student in his physics class was smarting off, which is something that rarely happens, and his students will swear to that. Roelofs told the young scholar, who happened to be Jim Zimmerman, he had better watch out because Roelofs had wrestled Vern Gagne, beat him soundly, and had a trophy to prove it. He does have a trophy from Vern Gagne, who used to be on the school board where Roelofs attended high school in Mound, Minnesota. The trophy was the Vern

students to kid around and goof off, yet he still maintains order and teaches well.

When asked about his opinions concerning New Ulm, Roelofs replied, "I enjoy the school, the kids, and the town but sometimes its attitudes are that of a small town." He cites the shopping mall and the recreation center as examples of the slow progress that is characteristic of the town.

Roelofs' hobbies include such things as water skiing and swimming which he misses because New Ulm doesn't have any lakes. He also enjoys backpacking, cross country skiing, and camping. His wife Katy participates in these activities, and next year the Roelofs' only child, Ben, will be stuffed in a backpack and hauled along on expeditions. Another favorite pastime of Roelofs is catching skippers lurching in the senior lounge. Both Bob Skillings and this writer have been some of his victims.

Another interest of Roelofs that he just got into last year is photography. Since the photo lab was in his physics room and he is a good friend of Mr. John Olson, who is also responsible for the excellent pictures you see in the yearbook and Graphos, Roelofs decided he would get involved.

He is also in charge of the Stage Crew and Better Half troupes that prepare the sets and actors for school plays. He was interested in drama in high school, where



Mr. Mike Roelofs' real identification has recently been uncovered.

Gagne award for outstanding wrestler of the year, not for whipping Gagne in a match as the bragging Roelofs had declared. His not-so-gullible, lippy students have since called him Vern.

Roelofs was born in Willmar, raised in Minnetonka, and attended high school in Mound, Minnesota. In high school he participated in football, wrestling, and track. He was also involved in drama and enjoyed participating in the plays. Science courses were his favorite subjects which may explain why he teaches them.

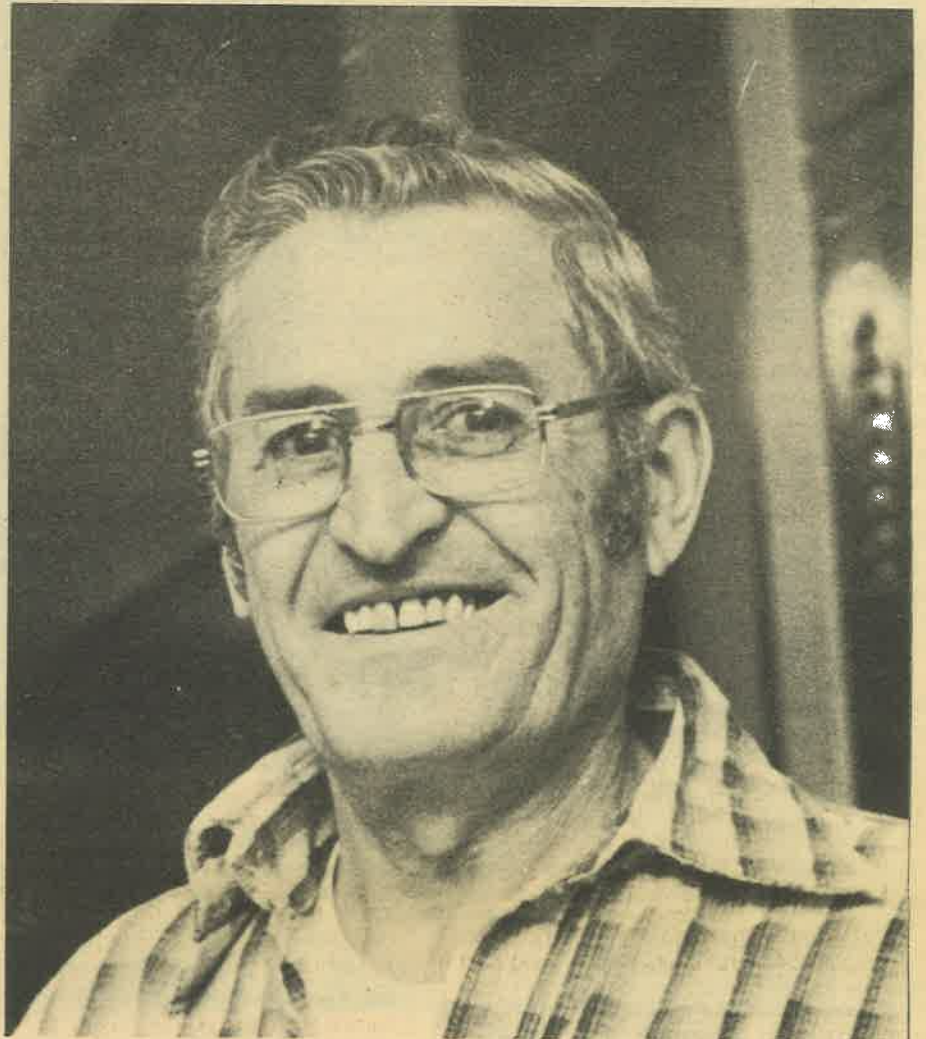
At first when Roelofs attended the University of Minnesota, he was booking for a chemistry major, but he detested it, and at the end of his sophomore year he decided to switch to the college of general education. He graduated three days before he was hired to teach here but had to attend summer school to pick up the necessary biology credits to teach that course at NUHS.

Roelofs teaches his classes in a unique way. He approaches the course work from the students' level and acts almost as one of the students except that he teaches. He would do it more if he thought the kids could handle it, he says. He allows his

he participated in school plays, and in college, where he took a few drama and technical theatre classes. He helped pay his way through college by working for the Camelot Singers and the Camelot restaurant as a lighting man. While working at the Camelot restaurant he met George Gobel and Morey Amsterdam. Both were very cordial and nice when Roelofs met them and when the microphone was fouled up during Amsterdam's performance, Amsterdam joked about the whole situation until Roelofs had it fixed. "He didn't make me feel like a fool," recalled Roelofs.

Vern is not only a celebrity among NUHS faculty but also part of a minority. When he came to New Ulm, he was one of two who had beards; Mr. Liedman was the other. Now Mr. Olson and Mr. Jim Zetah have followed suit. Rumor has it that these four are trying to encourage others.

Editor's note: Donations are now being accepted for a T-shirt with Mr. Roelofs' nickname on it. Contributions are tax deductible. We must start collecting soon in order to receive enough to have a size XXXL tailor made.



Corny Zitzman, NUHS head custodian, enjoys his job because it allows him to pursue other interests.

Corny no comedian, but head custodian

by Brad Berentson

Few men who buy a farm ever actually own it, but Corny Zitzmann, lead custodian at NUHS, owns a farm and a house.

Corny, short for Cornelius, was born and raised on a farm four miles west of St. George. He went to school through the eighth grade and then stopped to help his father until he turned 21. Mr. Zitzmann then went to work as a farm hand for some of his neighbors for four years. For his work as a farm hand, Zitzmann received a salary of three dollars a day. Corny then bought into a partnership with his father on their farm in 1942.

Zitzmann raised hogs and chickens and specialized in milk cows. For the first year his profit came to \$400, which was a good year in those days. Corny continued to farm until 1967 when he applied for a job as a custodian at NUHS.

For two years he farmed during the day and worked as a custodian during the night. In case he didn't like the job as custodian, he could then return to farming. Mr. Zitzmann then started working at school during the day while renting out his farm.

In 1972 Corny became the lead custodian. As lead custodian, he is responsible for the delivery of groceries and supervises all the other work that has to be done by the custodians.

Zitzmann really seems to like his job as head custodian. He says that working eight hours a day as a custodian is a lot easier than working from 12 to 16 hours a day like he used to while farming. Another good thing about being a custodian is the three weeks of vacation. While farming Mr. Zitzmann never had time to take a vacation and relax. Corny spends his vacations travelling. He has visited Mexico, Canada, and every state west of the Mississippi. He is planning on a tour of the east in the next few years and then he's going to set his sights on taking a trip to Europe.

Because of his hard work and determination Mr. Zitzmann has a farm and a house paid for. In addition he has the time and money to take a few vacations. His motto has become "First you work for the money and then you let the money work for you."

Stressing business goals keeps DECA busy

by John Niehoff and Kim Gulden
DECA Publicity Committee

On February 14, 1978, thirty-five DECA students and Mrs. Pat McDonald participated in District 8 DECA Competitive Events. These events were held in the student union on the Mankato State University campus. The whole day was spent taking various written tests, giving demonstrations, going through job interviews, and giving speeches. This competition is one of the ways that DECA provides an opportunity for Distributive Education students to apply what they have learned and earn some recognition and maybe even win some awards for what they have accomplished. All of the winners and the events they placed in are shown in this issue of Graphos, so be sure to check them out!

The students who placed among the top three in each event are now eligible to participate in similar competitive events held on the state level. Each spring about 3,000 DECA students compete with each other at the State Career Development Conference in Minneapolis. The winners are then eligible for national competition held later in Washington, D.C.

The "Chapter of the Year" Manual will also be entered in state competition this year. This manual is in the form of a scrapbook and contains pictures, write-ups, and various mementoes of the things members have done this year.

Some DECA members have been busy representing their chapter by appearing before various civic and trade groups in New Ulm. On Monday, February 13,



The DECA organization at NUHS brought home a lot of hardware from district competition by qualifying 11 members for the state contest in Minneapolis on April 5-8.

New Ulm's winners are front row, left to right, Sue Hosto, Sandy Hindermann, Traci Cox, Kathy Woratschka, Tammy Furness, and Nancy Hanson, who is DECA president holding Chapter of the Year award. The back row includes, left to right, Tim Drexler, Diane Untiedt, John Niehoff, Jeff Schroeder, and Bonnie Hartfiel.

Bonnie Hartfiel and John Niehoff appeared before the members of the New Ulm Retail Association. Bonnie and John explained what some of our goals are in Distributive Education and how we could

accomplish some of these goals through more involvement with such groups.

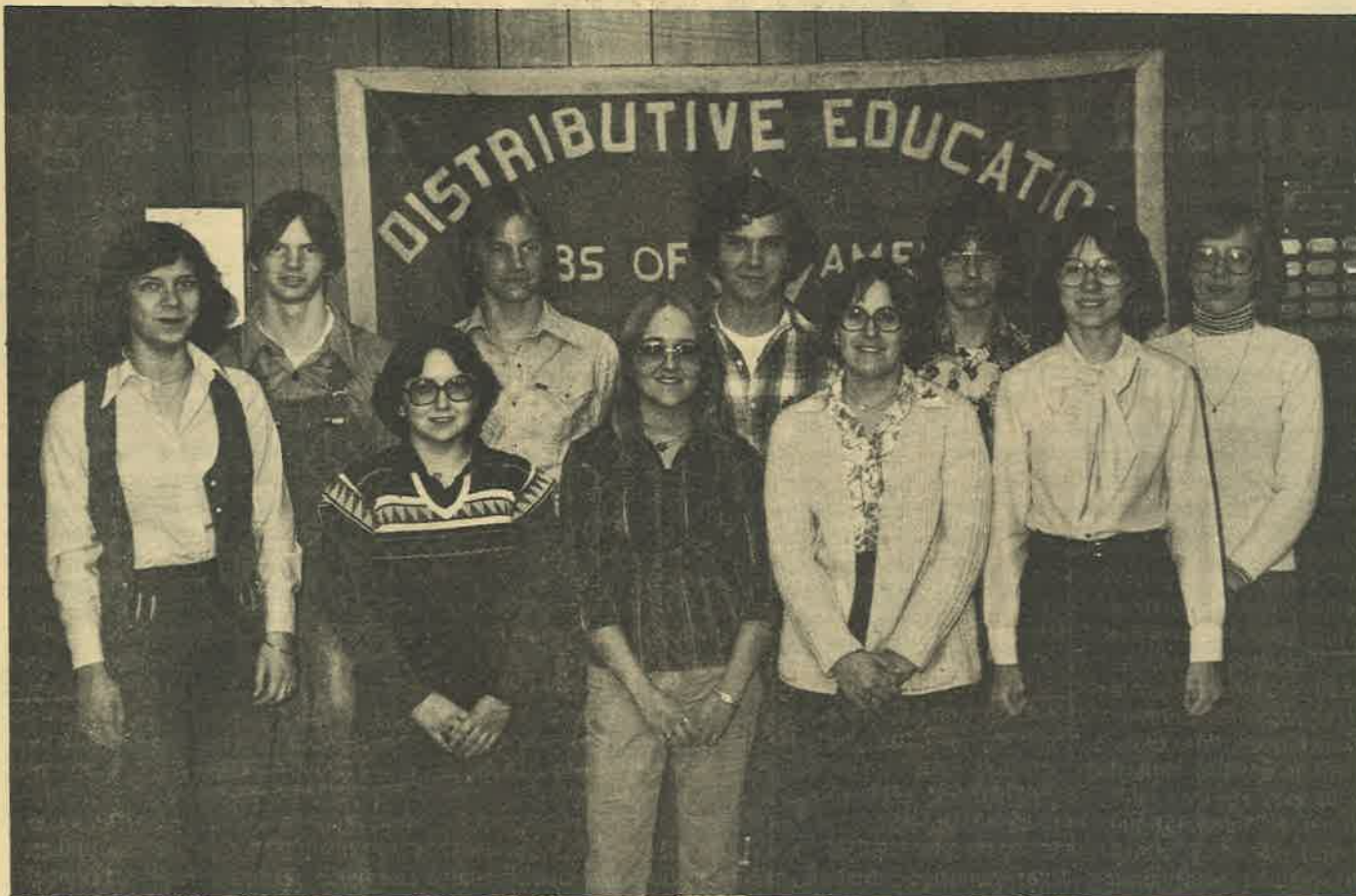
On Monday, February 20, Pattie Klingler and Kim Gulden were guests at the monthly meeting of the American

Legion. Pattie and Kim talked about Distributive Education and DECA and explained some of the chapter's program. They also gave a slide presentation that showed the Junior D.E. I students as they manage and operate the Paper Mache and the Senior D.E. II students at their various training stations where they receive on-the-job training.

Wayne Roddy, Sue Hosto, Bonnie Hartfiel, and John Niehoff were on the program at the February 23rd meeting of the New Ulm Lions Club. Again Wayne and Sue gave a presentation on D.E. and DECA — what they mean and what they do. Bonnie and John gave the slide presentation. Their activity received a lot of favorable publicity because of these meetings. DECA members hope improved involvement with business and community activities continues.

Some of the upcoming events include state competition which will be held at the Radisson Downtown on April 5-8. Competitors will soon be busy preparing for these events. They have tentatively set April 18th for the annual Employer-Employee Banquet. This banquet is held in honor of the people who employed D.E. students this year and the many other people who have helped in many other ways.

DECA members realize more and more everyday how quickly this school year is passing and how keeping busy and involved makes time pass even more quickly. They feel they've had a good year and will work hard to make the remainder of the year just as good.



Others who placed at the District 8 DECA competition at Mankato State University were front row, left to right, Renee Flor, Kathy Woratschka, Diane Kirkof, Patti Klingler, Marj Gleisner, Wayne Roddy, Tim Drexler, John Hamann, Dean Boelter, Bonni Hartfiel, and Chris Niehoff, who is not pictured.

sports

Season ends, final BB statistics are in

by Mike Engel

Another season of Eagle basketball has come to an end and with it appears the final statistics for the year.

Although the team was winless, they compiled many facts and figures for the experts to compute and analyze to aid them in their predictions for next year. Many members had fine individual performances this season despite the winless season for the young and rebuilding Eagles under first year coach Dave Hartmann.

The young Eagle's weren't without experience, however. Senior Randy Ulrich led the team in a majority of the statistics. He had the most rebounds with 33 offensive and 67 defensive boards and hit 102 of his 260 attempted field goals for 39.2 percent. Ulrich led the team from the free throw line, sinking 28 of 49 attempts for 57.1 percent. He scored 213 total points and accumulated 508 minutes of playing time, giving him a 13.4 points per game average.

Ulrich's versatility was unlimited. He could have played any position on the team and maintained his same consistent play. He is one of New Ulm's finest basketball players.

Tom Brethorst, another senior, was a fine asset to the team. Brethorst provided valuable defensive experience while scoring 144 points and making 17 steals.

The young players showed their inexperience by making costly mistakes. Steve Hage led the team in fouls with 46 while Eric Larson had 41 bad passes. Things didn't go as smooth as Coach Hartmann wanted, but these young players got a great deal of playing time.

There were some good examples of basketball play by this year's sophomores and juniors. Eric Larson led the team in steals with 66, far more than anyone else on the team. Laine Sletta, the best shot on the team, hit 47.8 percent of his attempts from the field. Many other squad members also made fine individual efforts.

As a team the Eagles' statistics show a team with a winless record. They scored 882 points in 19 games, a 46.4 point a game average compared to their opponent's 1169 points, an average of 61.5 points a game. The most points scored by the Eagles in one game was 63 against Marshall while the most points by an opponent was 75 by St. Peter, Fairmont, and St. James. The team's worst defeat was to St. Peter 75-42.

Although their record was 0-19, the young Eagle team gained valuable experience each and every loss. This year has been difficult for fans and players alike, but the team never fell apart. It may sound too typical, but the fans should prepare themselves for a winning season because it's coming.



"Hit it!" Jody Johnson yells as Lauri Alwin eyes the bucket despite a defender's efforts to block the shot.

Girls gain confidence, outlook bright

by Eric Senske

This year was a disappointing season for the girls' basketball team at NUHS. The girls worked hard, but things just didn't seem to go their way very often.

The team's record ended at two wins and sixteen losses, but the record alone cannot tell the story of a full season. The girls played some very good quarters, but the problem seemed to be putting four of them together in a complete ballgame.

The highlights of the season, of course, were the team's two victories. The first occurred in their tenth game of the season with a 42-26 drubbing of St. James. There was a good crowd and great enthusiasm as the girls finally put it all together. The second win was another home game against Waseca, the second place team in the South Central Conference. The girls played a superb game as it went right down to the wire. Free throws finally won it for New Ulm in the last minute of play by a score of 41-39. Again a good crowd and great enthusiasm were major factors in the outcome of this game.

The girls' season came to an unhappy end on February 27 by the Worthington Trojans in the opening round of sub-region play. The score was 44-31, but the game was not as one-sided as the score indicates. Junior forwards Lori Tyler and Lauri Alwin led Eagle scorers with 11 and 8

points respectively.

Statistically the team did not do too badly. The scoring leaders were Kay Buysse, who averaged 5.6 points-per-game, and Lauri Alwin and Joanne Steinbach, both of whom averaged 4.1 points-per-game. Kay Buysse and Lauri Alwin also led the team in rebounding, averaging 8.2 and 8.1 respectively.

The team averaged 29 points-per-game. They gave up an average of 44 points-per-game. This ratio is an improvement over last year's team, which gave up an average of 50 points each contest. The team also improved on last year's rebounding statistics.

Mr. Lyle Sparrowgrove, the girls' coach, feels that the team improved greatly throughout the season, especially on their defensive skills. They held many of the better teams to point totals well below their season averages. Sparrowgrove also feels that the girls gained confidence and now know that they can become conference contenders.

Just four seniors from this year's squad will graduate in the spring so the outlook for the next season is bright. The girls will have a year of experience so look for them to have a better season next year.



Spring sports have officially begun, but the recent snows and the chilly outdoor temperatures have restricted early practices. These unseasonable conditions, however, don't seem to bother this group of cindermen working out in the gym foyer.



Who says wrestlers are solemn and sweaty individuals? In fact these young men are all bright and shiny after representing NUHS at the regional meet in Mankato. They are from left to right, front row, Pete Fischer, Scott Fruhwirth, Doug Hoffman; back row, Bob Gieseke, Rich Hoffman, John LeGare, and Mark Palmer.

Grapplers struggle through dark season, end with bright spots

by Bill Ostrom

Although unsuccessful as a team the 1977-1978 Eagles wrestling team had a few individual bright spots.

The Eagles competed in 15 meets defeating Madelia, Hutchinson, Wells, and St. James for a 4-11 team record. Individually they recorded 99 wins, 103 losses, and 13 ties. Eagles' opponents took the greater share of takedowns, 172 to 157.

Doug Hoffman, Mark Palmer, Rich Hoffman, and Brad Portner were the top individual performers. Doug, who wrestled at 98 pounds, compiled a 15-1-1 regular

season record. 138-pound Mark Palmer powered his way to a fine 11-6-1 record. Rich Hoffman, Doug's older brother and the only undefeated Eagle wrestler, finished at 16-0-0. Winning 16 and tying 2 of his 19 regular season matches, Brad Portner was a strong and talented wrestler.

The Eagles were plagued by misfortune throughout the season. Four of the individual stars missed vital matches as a result of injuries or illness. When the Eagles were totally healthy, they defeated

wrestling powers Hutchinson and St. James.

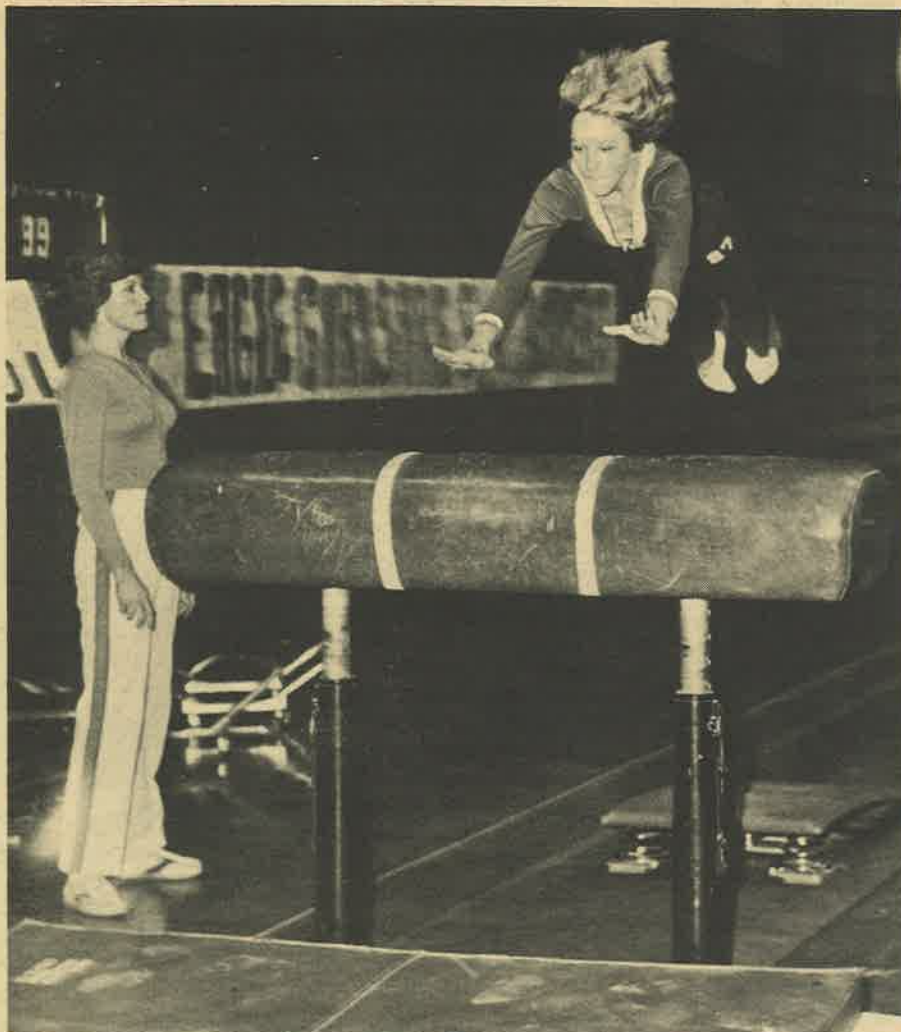
Mr. Rich Peterson, New Ulm wrestling coach, stated, "We improved throughout the year. Remember we wrestled seven teams that were rated in the top 10 of either class A or AA. We defeated Hutchinson 33-19 and they won the Suburban West Conference. Illness and injury hurt us because we lacked team depth."

Lack of effort might be cited as a reason for a poor season, but this was not the case for the '78 wrestlers. Mark Palmer, a four-

year letterman, stated, "The attitude of the wrestlers has improved since I first wrestled varsity. The team wants to wrestle."

"This was a team of hustling, bustling wrestlers. They gave their best effort all the time. We had a very enthusiastic squad," Peterson added.

The Eagles lacked team depth but gave their best throughout the season. They scrapped, clawed, and snarled at every opponent but came up short 11 out of 15 attempts.



Closely observed by Mrs. Cindy Theophilus, sophomore Tammy Current springs toward the vaulting horse.

Gymnasts one of few NUHS teams having success

by Scott Werdahl

When the winter sports season came to a close, some of the teams ended successfully, but there is one team that would like everyone to know that they were also successful, the girls' gymnastics team.

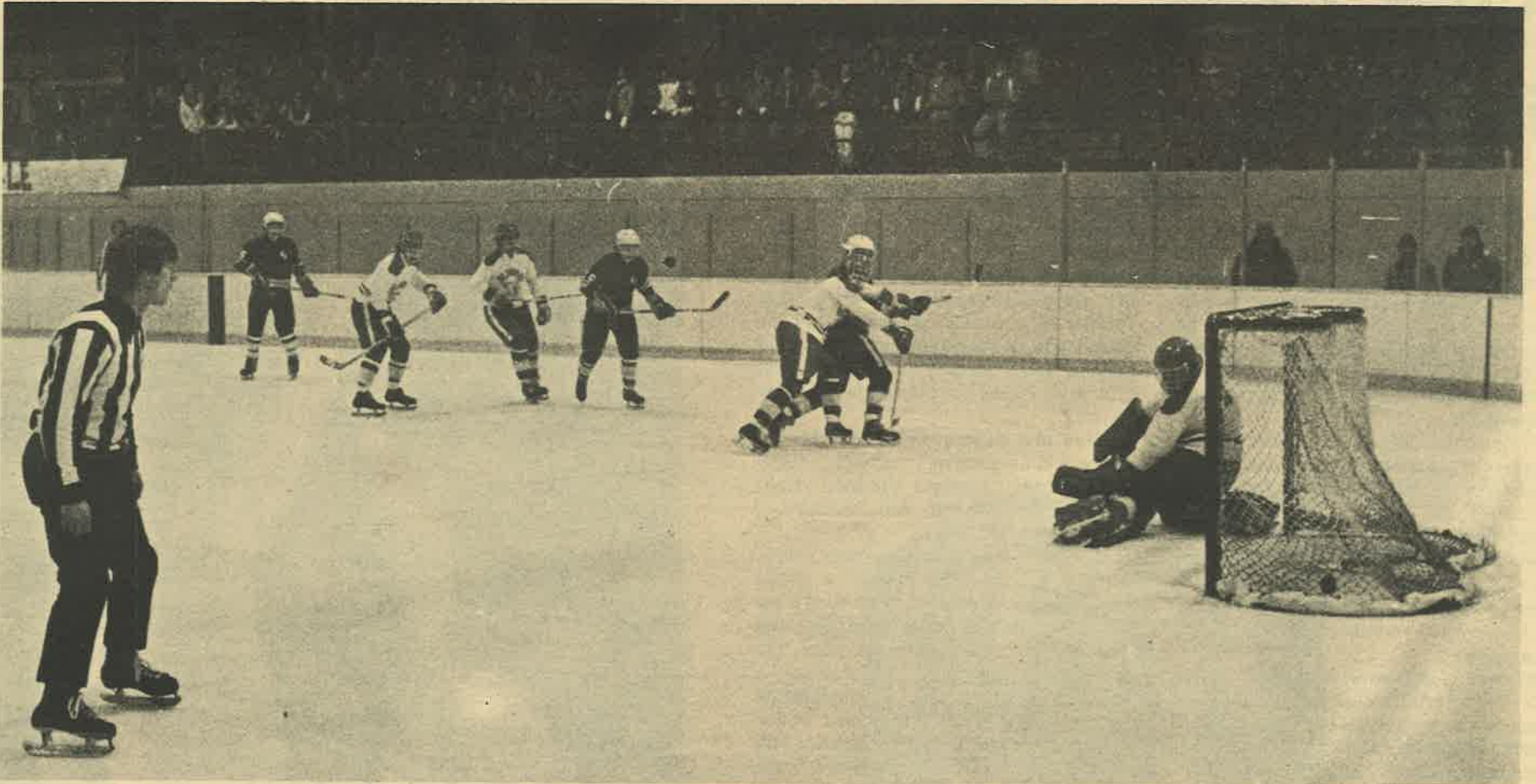
This dedicated team finished with a season record of 8 wins and 2 losses. The two losses were to highly ranked Fairmont and to a competitive Redwood Falls team. The eight varsity girls have been preparing for sub-region and region competition. In the sub-region competition, New Ulm was one of two teams out of seven to participate in the Region 2A tournament. Mankato West was the other team which qualified.

The individual gymnasts who qualified for regional competition were Nancy Backer, a senior and Beth Rasmussen, a junior. Fairmont, Mankato West, Jackson, Windom, and St. James were the other competing teams.

each event and the top team in over all competition gained a berth in the Minnesota state girls' gymnastics meet held at St. Cloud State University. The New Ulm girls took fourth place in the region with a score of 96.95. Fairmont took first as a team and will compete at the state meet. Fairmont's score was 109.55, Windom's 100.1, Mankato West's 96.75, St. James 90.45, and Jackson's 101.7. Although the girls placed fourth as a team, Nancy Backer qualified for participation in the state meet.

Last year the girls' team failed to qualify for the state meet by a mere .8 of a point. Although the team did not participate, three individual qualifiers competed.

Competition in girls' gymnastics is usually very tough because both class A and class AA schools are combined. Because smaller schools do not have a girls gymnastics program, competition is



"Did he score?" seems to be the reaction of the crowd, players, and the referee as the puck slides past Montgomery's goalie in New Ulm's 9-1 win in the opening round of Section One competition. (Photo by Karl Schroeder)

Brother combos provide memories, hope

by Kevin Oklobzija

The season is over for the New Ulm Hockey Eagles, but the memories of the successful season will linger on.

Although their overall record is not as good as previous years, the team advanced farther in the Section One playoffs than ever before.

The 1977-78 record was 16-8 with all but one loss coming in non-conference play.

A major reason for the team's success was the three brother combinations. The brother duos are Tom and Terry Steinbach, Pete and Paul Macho, and Scott and Bill Fischer.

Along with the remainder of the team, the brother combinations were instrumental in helping the Eagles achieve their dream of playing in the Met Sports Center. New Ulm's dream came true when the Eagles met Bloomington Lincoln in the quarterfinals of Section One on February 25. New Ulm lost the contest to the smooth-passing Lincoln team 6-1.

Tom Steinbach led the Eagles in scoring with 26 goals and 20 assists for 46 points while brother Terry tallied 19 times and assisted on 13 others for 36 points, fourth on the team behind Tom.

The sophomore combo of Pete and Paul Macho combined for 22 goals with Pete scoring 16 from his left wing position. Although playing just a few games on a forward line, Paul spent most of his time playing defense.

Pete Macho was third in scoring on the team with 33 points while Paul was seventh with 17 points.

The third brother combination is made up of two defensemen, Scott and Bill Fischer. Scott was again the mainstay of the Eagles' defensive corps and also

scored his first two goals during this last season.

Meanwhile, Bill pumped in four goals, three coming from his right point position as a result of his powerful shot.

New Ulm dominated opponents in all categories. The Eagles outshot opponents, 722-492 with 134 New Ulm shots finding the net while opponents beat Bryan Dahl and Jeff Schugel only 69 times.

At the beginning of the year, Scott Fischer said he would reduce his minutes

in penalties. The senior defenseman's prediction would have been right except for a 10 minute misconduct penalty. Fischer finished the year with 34.5 minutes in the penalty box, one minute more than his total of a year ago.

Along with these brothers, Pat Davis almost doubled his scoring output this year. Davis finished with 19 goals and 17 assists, second on the team behind linemate Tom Steinbach.

The team will lose six letterman: Pat Davis, Scott Fischer, Dean Laraway, Mike Hitchcock, Jeff VanKeulen, and Bryan Dahl. Even though the team will lose six players who played very well for three years, the hockey Eagles will return with a good nucleus for 1978-79.

There is also one other member of the squad who is a brother of two players, and that is Coach Tom Macho. The elder Macho has been at the helm of the New Ulm hockey team from the start and deserves much of the credit for New Ulm's successful hockey program.

The dream of 1977 came true, let's see what the brother combinations can dream up for next year.



Throughout history brothers have pooled their talents in successful ventures. At NUHS three brother combinations were important members of our very successful hockey team. They are, left, defensemen Bill and Scott Fischer; top center, Tom and Terry Steinbach (both were among the scoring leaders on the team); and, right, Peter and Paul Macho, the twins and brothers of the "head man," coach Tom Macho.

Slaughter and massacre is name of game in intramurders

by Bob Skillings

Ever wonder what the jocks at NUHS are doing in the off-season besides making up for lost time with their honeys? By now you've probably been informed that the big topic presently being argued in such appropriate places as physics class, the library, and hallways is intramural basketball.

This is the time of year when hockey players abandon their sticks and skates, wrestlers get off the floor, weightlifters volunteer to be the skins team, ex-basketball players become the cream of the crop, and everyone involved can just have a good time without all the practice and pressures of a regular sport.

Intramural basketball, or "intramurder" has been in existence for several years. Mr. Dave Hartmann has directed it for the past two years succeeding former NUHS math teacher Mr. Al Faber. His assistant this year is Mr. Dick LaPatka.

Hartmann said that there has been a change made this year which has increased participation. Instead of having intramurals all year long or between fall and winter sports as has been done before, he changed it to this particular time of the year. There is more time between winter and spring sports so more athletes can participate.

Each of the eight teams are led by a captain selected by both Mr. Hartmann and Mr. LaPatka. A draft was then held by the eight captains determining the remainder of their teams. Each team has nine players and is required to have at least four present or forfeit the game. Other rules include two twenty-minute halves per game, regular substitution of players, and a non-stop clock until there are three minutes left in a period, and limited time during time outs and half-time. Otherwise normal basketball rules are used.

Each captain had many factors to

consider before selecting draft choices; such as, who could be an effective rebounder but not foul out before halftime. That factor might have been why "Dunkin'" Dean Laraway didn't go in the early rounds. Or who could put the ball in the basket and not out-of-bounds as several players have already mastered. John "Turnover" Healy has made the turnover an art.

There are players, however, who can score consistently, among them "Roadrunner" Radford Pierson, "Half-court" Greg Johnson, and "Jumpin'" Jamie Schneider.

All eight teams match up quite evenly when at full strength. There is a seven-game regular schedule in which each team plays the other seven to determine who will play whom in tournament action. The tournament consists of two brackets, a winners bracket and a consolation bracket. First-round tournament action then decides which bracket a team will be in. All games usually take place in the early evening or after school when the gym is available.

Intramural basketball is an entirely different kind of sport than any played at the interscholastic level. Perfection is not the goal. Entertainment for players and spectators is the name of the game.

INTRAMURDERS: Senior captain "Bud" Berentsen has participated on two championship teams in the last two years... Jeff "Flex" Schugel leads the league in goaltending... referee "Uncle" LaPatka has been selected to model for the new "I want you" poster when he was spotted calling a foul on none other than "Dunkin'" Dean... "MIA" Bob Roth hasn't been seen since his team's first game... captain Scott "T" Fischer has developed a new shot which involves not even looking at the basket... some results from previous games are 64-53, 35-34, and 45-39.



Scott Fischer demonstrates to Bob Budahn that basketball is a game for big men.

NUHS sports trivia

Tom's Sport Stories

by Tom Wyczawski

What's in a name? The New Ulm Senior High athletic teams have been known as the Eagles for over four decades. But we haven't always been the Eagles. A little research reveals that the New Ulm athletic teams, who were officially started in 1907, were originally known as the Lavender and White.

In the mid 1920's the NUHS athletes were commonly known as the Red Flashes and remained so during some exciting years through the early 1930's. Into the 1930's the NU Review and the Brown County Journal frequently referred to the NUHS teams as the German Citizens - even one Twin City newspaper referred to them by this name.

I don't know how New Ulm became the Eagles, but it seems that we will remain the Eagles from here on in.

Well, here we are into March, and most spring sports will be beginning soon, if they haven't already started. Many



athletes have been working out over the winter anticipating that they will be able to contribute to whichever sport they choose in a positive manner.

The arrival of spring ushers in our most successful teams. In recent years fall and winter sports at NUHS have enjoyed only fair to mild success, except for boys' cross country and girls' gymnastics, but baseball, track (boys' and girls'), and golf

teams have performed admirably.

Coach Jim Senske's baseball team is expected to be a top contender in South Central Conference play and possibly even in the Sub-Regions. Senske has an ace pitcher in Dave Mosendon returning plus other talented undergraduates rounding out the pitching staff.

During his tenure as New Ulm's head baseball coach, Senske has produced outstanding baseball teams. His record includes nine district champions when NUHS was in District 10 and one state runnerup trophy. Coach Senske's won-loss record stands at 218 wins and only 57 losses going into the 1978 season.

The track team, under Head Coach Skip Davis, has had some excellent teams in his 11 years as coach, and with the largest turnout ever this year, the team is looking forward to continued success. The loss of state participant Jim Langholz will surely be felt, but the team has state participant Joel Hartfiel back along with other members of the South Central Conference Indoor Champions of one year ago.

The outlook for the girls' track team,

under the supervision of Head Coach Ev Steffl, is promising, especially with performers Lisa Vath, Nancy Backer, Nancy Hanson, Carla Windschitl, and Sandy Fenske returning from last year's squad.

Coach Dick Wedahl will be in a rebuilding season with his golf team. His Eagle linksmen set a school record in 1977 with a team average of 41.19 while compiling a 13-4 won-loss mark. This was the best team average since the 1973 team, which averaged 42.11 per round. The team has graduated 6 from last year's excellent team.

Overall, Coach Werdahl has compiled a 124-66-7 record with 3 conference titles and 2 district titles to his credit.

Tennis Coach Joe Poncin is counting on some fine underclassmen in a rebuilding year and hopes to produce a contender in the future.

The girls' golf team, coached by Lowell Liedman, the girls' softball team, coached by Maureen McGuire, will both be in rebuilding seasons although the girls' softball team could conceivably surprise some teams by the end of the season.