

# NUHS to present Woody Allen comedy



Mr. Pletcher makes a point regarding the character Lane Schmiesing portrays while Kathy Fodness listens.

By Ann Berle

No one is to leave the city of New Ulm April 13 or 14. . . Signs stating "DON'T DRINK THE WATER" will be posted throughout the town. . . Citizens will be clamoring to enter the NUJHS auditorium, where they will get a dose of the best medicine money cannot buy.

Is New Ulm under quarantine by the Public Health Commission? Not at all! The above statements refer to the upcoming Junior Class Play. On April 13 and 14, DON'T DRINK THE WATER will be presented under the direction of Mr. Richard Pletcher. This play is guaranteed to bring you chuckles.

The play is a Woody Allen original. But Mr. Pletcher commented, "This is not a typical Woody Allen creation. DON'T DRINK THE WATER is clean, contemporary humor!"

The story revolves around an American family, the Hollanders, who are falsely accused of being spies while traveling in a country behind the Iron Curtain. They seek help and refuge at the American Embassy only to encounter more confusion as the ambassador's bungling son attempts to return the Hollanders safely back home.

Tim Babel and Jill Schlong portray the Hollanders and Kathy Fodness is their daughter, Susan. The mixed-up Ambassador's son is played by Lane Schmiesing. Other cast members include Tim Thompson, Barb Schwartz, Mark Alvig, Steve Baloga, Dave Brown, Dan Lang, Sharon Fodness, Jim Schnobrich and Dave Tews.

The four sophomores serving as student directors are Tya Taurig, Cheryl Werdahl, Sally Albright and Jane Zupfer.

This is one play you won't want to miss. DON'T DRINK THE WATER will leave you thirsting for more.

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## Key '73 Experience

By Jan Kohlhepp

"For where two or three are gathered in My name, there am I in the midst of them." (Matthew 18:20)

If this passage from the Bible is true, then the Lord must surely have been in the midst of the "Key 73 Experience" held on Sunday, March 4, in the junior high school auditorium. The program was attended by about 500 people, both young people and adults, of all religions in the city of New Ulm. It was a part of the "Key 73" effort to inform the entire North American continent about the love of Jesus Christ.

"Key 73 Experience" was a time of praying, witnessing for Christ, and singing. The mass choir, made up for people from all the participating churches and formed especially for "Key 73 Experience," sang several selections during

the program and solos were sung by Steve Baloga, Jr. and Mrs. Allan Riley. The Menagerie was also on hand for a few songs.

The singing was followed by several New Ulm people giving their testimonies for Christ. Some of these included Mr. Doug Kirsch, Mrs. Don Palmer, and an excellent witness by sophomore class member, Perry Wieland. Perry talked mainly about how great his life has been since he has accepted Christ as his personal savior.

Perhaps the highlight of the evening was a talk by Jay Patterson, formerly of New Ulm and now a student at Southwest State College and a member of the "Church on the Hill" in Marshall. Many New Ulm High School students were already acquainted with Jay, as he visited the school for Smorgasbord and told students about "Church on the Hill." Those who already knew Jay were pleased to hear him again and those who were hearing him for the first time were impressed with his sincerity and enthusiasm for Jesus Christ.

The decorations for "Key 73 Experience" were very simple. They included a small altar in the center of the stage with a small, gold cross on it, along with a loaf of bread and three candles. Above the altar was a 6-foot high cross lighted with gold and red lights, and above the cross was a crown lighted with gold lights, symbolizing the crown of life. The decorations, which added much to the atmosphere, were done by Mr. Robert Jensen and Mrs. Richard Loucks.

Group singing ended the service. The audience, along with the mass choir, sang "Amazing Grace" and "Pass It On." As they put on coats and filed out of the auditorium, they sang the words, "Praise God, Praise God" to the tune of "Amazing Grace." This seemed an appropriate way to end the service, for these two simple words, "Praise God, Praise God," sung by the entire audience, summed up the purpose of "Key 73 Experience" and of "Key 73," itself.

"Key 73 Experience" was the first city-wide ecumenical service ever tried in New Ulm. It went over very well and most of the comments heard after the service were favorable. It is hoped that other such combined services can be held in New Ulm in the future.

## Endersbe discusses first two years

By Jane Zupfer

Mr. Endersbe, principal at New Ulm Senior High School, has been here for two years, and during this time he has formed some definite opinions about the school system, the student body and probable future trends in education.

He has attempted to increase student involvement in their school and he feels that progress along these lines is being made. Examples cited by Mr. Endersbe were student representation on numerous committees working to improve educational programs, student participation in the new television programs originating from the high school, student attendance at board meetings, student organized assemblies, and the special "Smorgasbord" student interest day. He regards the student body at NUHS as a "great group of kids," and finds them willing to "direct and be directed." He stated that most students showed a willingness to become involved.

Mr. Endersbe also had some ideas on the sometimes difficult topic of discipline within the school system. He seemed to feel that there should be enough discipline to assure that the students receive an adequate education, but not so much that it

stifles him. He believes that the regulations at New Ulm are "fairly standard." He based his opinion on reactions he has had from discussions with administrators in other schools. He also stated the discipline administered in school can "prepare the students for disciplines he must face in life."

Mr. Endersbe indicated that one of the challenges in the near future will be providing adequate facilities for the increasing enrollment at the high school. Though an eight room addition is being planned, it will only be a temporary solution. When asked about modular scheduling, he indicated he was not too impressed with the programs he has observed, but he respects the efforts of those who try something new.

Mr. Endersbe feels that the major trend in education is to make schools as relevant as possible to the students and to prepare them adequately for adult life. He feels that career education is an example of this trend, but cautioned that we must maintain a balanced program in order to meet the various needs of our students and not over-emphasize any one area of the curriculum.



Mr. Endersbe

# The choke's on you!

By Tom Dickey

At the risk of sounding Puritanical, I would like to say a few not particularly mild words about nicotine, alcohol, and other various chemical dependencies.

It frightens me to think that millions of people today walk around half of their lives with a burning roll of leaves hanging from their mouths, pills for every pain imaginable in their stomachs, and glasses of a drink made from rotting grain in their hands.

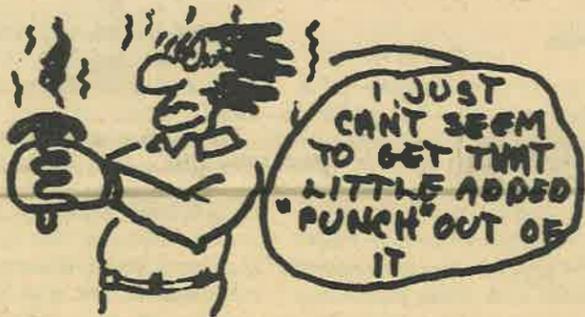
It seems incomprehensible that so many people are insecure to the point that they ingest something at the blink of an eye. We are so preoccupied by drugs that we can't even see through the smoke to comprehend these actions. Perhaps the saddest commentary of all is the attitude recently demonstrated by the Board of Education. These responsible representatives of the people regard the "smoking

problem" as little more than an occasion to make humorous comments. Nicotine addiction is a serious problem and every person should be concerned about it.

Personally, I find aspirin, cigarettes, grass, booze, etc., among the most repulsive inventions of man. I believe we should have more faith in the human organism to heal itself and reject artificial "remedies." Most sickness is a direct result of another problem, and these chemicals can't eliminate that problem. Indeed the ailment will simply seem even worse than before when the drug no longer has an effect.

Certainly some sickness is no fault of ours and without a drug can destroy the frail shells which we use to do our work, but what is death other than a continuation (and a more perfect one) of our existence in another medium?

# Behind the scenes



By Denise Tostenrud

Meet Warren, formally known as Warren Hydroxide Taken Twice. There's nothing particularly fascinating or unique about Warren Hydroxide, aside from his weird name. Who in his right mind would name a kid "Warren?" Really. Your typically average-all-American-mom-and-apple pie-junior. Warren is part of a rare breed of non-conformist Chemistry I students.

From that first week, when Warren was presented with his very own personalized key to the drawer of life, his life began to change. The clatter of big and little test tubes and beakers in his private compartment became music to his ears. The wonder of the mighty bunsen burner remained a mystery. Gazing at row upon row of colorful chemicals brought out the mad-scientist in Warren. Little did he know that just four test tubes, one beaker, and two glass stirring rods later, the solution to all his weight-volume problems would be dissolved as a precipitate of the imagination.

He learned, by way of trial and error, that the burning sensation he felt at his fingertips was not just the feeling from a warm test tube, but rather, a supposedly dilute acid solution which was progressively eating away his feeble body.

Only after numerous exploding test tubes and scattered bits of himself filled the air (dispersed to designated corners of the lab), did Warren discover that "Pyrex" was not just another product autographed by those Pittsburgh baseball "burn the sin out of." These experiences became highly valuable in Warren's growing knowledge of misunderstanding the procedure before the introduction was clearly undefined.

When searching for a highlight of his life, as a combiner of concentrated chemicals, Warren had difficulty choosing

between a number of memorable experiments. He remembers one incident involving the precise measuring of several solid substances by exacting amounts varying from pea-size to marshmallow-size. Marble-size and large pea size were also included. (when you really get good, you can measure out match-head size.) Undoubtedly, Warren was acquainted with some very large members of the pea family, as the chunk of sodium metal that he, unhesitatingly dropped in some water, did several unscheduled tricks that the lab manual had never even dreamed of. Even the glass plates from surrounding tables weren't enough to shield onlookers from the blinding flash and scattered particles. Just ask Warren. There's nothing like doing an experiment (literally) with your favorite lab book. And when that stray piece of sodium has begun to eat through successive pages of priceless experiments (including today's effort), experience has taught Warren to inconspicuously whip the remaining chunk down the drain, and replace the management-owned, once borrowed, now returned, lab book to its original position, all the while praying for some miracle of science to heal the scarred pages.

According to Warren, the greatest heartbreak one can experience is rushing to your first hour Chemistry classroom, just seconds late, and so arriving, in the nick of time — only to find that the class has migrated without you.

Yet, even after those rousing double-feature flicks, where the man climbs into the garbage can in the beginning and climbs out again at the end, and frequent equation phrasing misrepresentation of true fact, even Warren has to admit that the key to every future chemist's dream, lies in those famous last words: "Let's call it a day!!!!"

# The time is now

By Lonnie Hulsey

Now that American participation in the Vietnam War has virtually ended, we are faced once again with the question of amnesty. The issue of amnesty is by no means new, especially when one takes into consideration the fact that the first recorded amnesty was granted by Athens in 403 B.C. Traditionally, amnesty has been granted to help reunite a divided nation, and a quick glance at history shows that amnesty has been granted on several occasions. Either Congress or the President has the power to proclaim forgiveness for military violators, and in the nation's history there have been 35 such amnesties. Since one of the strongest arguments for amnesty is precedence, perhaps it would be wise to look at a few examples in our nation's history.

A presidential precedent was set in the United States by George Washington in 1795 when he proclaimed "a full, free and entire pardon" to all persons who participated in the Whiskey Rebellion a year earlier in Pennsylvania. In explaining his action to Congress, Washington wrote: "My personal feeling is to mingle in the operations of the government every degree of moderation and tenderness which the national justice, dignity and safety may permit."

In a time when the nation was torn by bloody civil war, Abraham Lincoln granted amnesty again and again. Two years before the war was over, he offered forgiveness to the lower-ranking members of the Confederate government. In one of his last presidential acts, Lincoln, only weeks before his assassination, granted amnesty to all Union deserters provided that they serve out the remainder of their time in a peacetime army. The least vindictive of men, he realized that all Americans had suffered from the war and that their wounds needed healing. Amnesty was part of the remedy he applied to reunite the nation. By the same accord, Lincoln's successor, Andrew Johnson, extended the clemency to the entire South in an effort to bring a divided nation together.

The most recent use of amnesty in this country occurred after World War II. This war could probably be classified as one of the most popular wars in American history, for it seemed to unite the people of the country. Just before Christmas 1947, President Truman pardoned 1,523 men who had been convicted of draft evasion during the war. Although this amounted to only about one tenth of the 15,000 evaders imprisoned during the war, the point of the matter is that even after a war which did not divide our country we were still willing to grant amnesty.

Since the Vietnam War is unlike any in the nation's history, perhaps no precedent should be sought in history. Nearly everyone agrees that the United States should never have become involved in the way it did. Thus the question arises, why punish those who saw the light first? Many Americans have been against the war. But because they were ineligible through age, sex or infirmity, they were not forced to back up their beliefs with their lives and careers. Why persecute those young men who did put their lives behind their convictions? Those now in exile or in jail represent some of the most principled and passionately concerned men of their generation. The draft evaders and deserters claim they are serving a higher law than the Selective Service Law — the law of morality. They might quote St. Thomas Aquinas, "Human law does not bind a man in conscience, and if it conflicts with the higher law, human law should not be obeyed." That is a maximum followed by all who have broken the law as a matter of conscience, from Thoreau and Ghandi to Martin Luther King and the Berrigan brothers. The principle that a man's conscience takes precedence over the dictates of his government was reinforced at the Nuremberg war crimes trials, which rejected the claims of Hitler's lieutenants that they were only following orders.

What about the 3,000,000 others who fought in the Vietnam War, 55,000 of whom died? The opponents of amnesty argue that it simply would not be fair to those who fought to forgive those who refused to fight. I agree with this argument to a certain degree, but the fact of the matter is that we can't bring back the dead, but we still have the chance to bring back some of the young men in exile.

A practical argument put forth by those against amnesty is how could the U.S. ever field an army of draftees again if it established the precedent that draft evasion will be forgiven? This is generally answered by pointing out that even though amnesty has been granted in the past, the U.S. has not had any serious problems resulting from it.

Perhaps the statement that best expresses my views was that made by Mrs. Youland of Pensacola, Florida, who has not seen her son John for over 3 years. "If there is any chance at all," she says, "that any of these boys want to return and they show the willingness to be responsible, loyal citizens, they should be given the chance. There should be some test of loyalty, though."

Now that American participation in the Vietnam War is nearly ended, a conditional amnesty should be granted. It should include not only draft evaders but also deserters, since the difference between them is often only one of class: the better educated and more sophisticated evade, the others don't know what they are getting into until they are already serving. One requirement for this conditional amnesty might be some kind of compensatory service such as VISTA or the Peace Corps, or something of this nature.

If amnesty requires a measure of tolerance and wisdom that the United States has not lately exhibited, I think we should remind our government of Abraham Lincoln and his forgiving actions aimed at reunifying the country. No other action could be as effective in persuading the young that once again they can trust the humanity of their government. In this sense, amnesty would serve its traditional function: healing angry wounds.

Former Secretary of Interior, Steward Udall, whose son Scott deserted to Canada, has said, "Forgiveness and charity are the American way. . . I think there will probably be a time when we are ready to close the book on Vietnam, a time when we are ready to recognize that the only way to close the book is an act of great charity to ourselves, a time when we are ready to put it behind us." I, myself, think that time has come.

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# Spring and rejoice gladly

By Barb Schwartz

Spring is coming quickly. You can't contradict old Indian Joes' bones. He had a definite kink in the back of his neck which is a surer sign than Barry ZeVan's blabbering forecasts.

At this moment a dear little bug is awkwardly meandering across my bed. I feel exhilarated. It is really thrilling to see the first fly buzz by or to be on the scene when old Mr. Ant decides to up periscope and pull himself above ground. Insects are a welcome sight now since they are signs of spring. Just wait until summer when little kids tramp on the black beaded little creatures left and right, and fly paper, insecticide, and fly swatters wage losing battles on every farm yard and front porch.

The moment the temperature rises above 50 degrees everyone flings off his coat and feels like running to the beach. If it were summertime and the thermometer read 50 degrees, all the world would retreat into the depths of their homes to keep warm. But since spring is coming, 50 degrees is a God-sent miracle. All the girls begin to wear their pastel colored spring clothes and the boys can't wait for track, baseball, golf, and tennis to begin.

The whole school is elated when the hints of spring become obvious. It gets harder and harder for people to stay in their seats for who wants to sit in a hard chair when the weather is beckoning.

Spring means beauty in all



A sure sign of spring despite the fact it's March in Minnesota.

forms of nature. It is a joyful feeling inside at the sight of the first robin. Spring means new plans and a pass from the drudgery of winter to a fresh season with different activities. Spring is thunderstorms which

work during the night. Spring is also kite flying and motorcycles with proud owners varooming through town. Spring is just an overall feeling of happiness and an anticipation of summer.

Changing seasons are a part of

Minnesota I love. If it weren't for summer which changes to fall and for winter which changes to spring, there wouldn't be a lovely, wonderful, happy, unbelievable, exhilarating, majestic, fantastic, long-awaited Spring!!!!

## Muncha Buncha Granola

By Steven J. Baloga

Some like it plain, some like it with milk. Some like it with raisins, others like it without. But no matter what the choice, granola is probably going to be the hottest item on the cereal shelves since corn flakes. That's what the Quaker Oats Co. is predicting.

After considerable investment and research, the Quaker Co. has finally come out with its own brand of granola called "100 per cent Natural Cereal." Quaker's 100 per cent Natural is exactly that: natural rolled oats, whole grain wheat, brown sugar, almonds, coconut, clover honey, vegetable oil, nonfat dry milk — and raisins.

The granola craze is not as recent as many think; for years granola has come in curious combinations of oats, nuts, bran, fruits, and sugars. But only recently has granola's popularity increased, partly because it has just become available in grocery stores within the last year. Previously only specialized, out-of-the-way health food stores sold granola.

What does granola taste like? It's a crunchy mixture with a sweet, nut-like flavor. And what does granola look like?

Descriptions have ranged all the way from "birdseed" to "gravel."

You might want to try and make your own batch of granola. Better yet, have some people over for a granola making party — it's rapidly becoming the hip thing to do. The starter recipe below is flexible and can easily be adjusted or changed.

### CRUNCHY GRANOLA

3 c. rolled oats  
1 c. wheat germ  
1 c. sesame seeds  
1 c. shredded coconut  
¼ c. oil  
¾ c. honey  
1 tsp. vanilla  
dash of salt

Mix all ingredients. Spread ½-inch deep on cookie sheet. Bake at 250 degrees until golden brown. Stir occasionally, as sides brown first. Let cool. Store in jars. Optional ingredients — dates, raisins, wheat, or bran.



A well-stocked granola shelf at a local supermarket.

# Untitled

By Blue Buttons

I am after you.  
Can you feel me tingle at your spine?  
I am the whisper  
That howls through your mind.  
I am the cliff  
You imagine much higher.  
I am the darkness  
Under your bed  
I am the web.  
That traps the spider.  
I am the shadow  
That follows you.

I am,  
Whatever you imagine me to be;  
I am, faithfully, your boogyman.

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The last rays of sunlight are reflected  
on particles of century old dust.  
The air is thick with a heavy dead flower smell.  
My tongue and throat are dry and sealed  
Lest some last song  
Swell from my bosom  
and fill the silence with sound.  
My pale body touches the cool soft velvet.  
My will is gone;  
I cannot scream  
at the thunderous sound of a closing lid  
It's black as hell in here.  
Help me!

# Motherly Love

Pouring her formula from heaven  
She feeds the child earth  
He huddles close to her in his disease  
and takes candy from the moon.

She rains happiness on him,  
But he rejects it with  
Umbrellas of prejudice  
And plastic coats of indifference.

She shines on him warm love  
He puts up houses of hate  
And air conditions away  
Her love with pride.

She bears down on him in one last effort  
To save his soul  
But he bursts from hell within  
And destroys himself.

Who spans the baby?  
By all requests, no one does,  
Wrapped in twenty-four blankets  
And five sleepers  
Riding home only in preheated cars in summer  
Arriving in a steambath entryway  
And whisked off to a boiling warm nursery  
Complete with powdered prewarmed diapers  
Boiled bottles

Wash your hands and be very careful!  
While you view the baby  
Who is spoiled rotten  
And smells like artificial flowers.

I would be so exhausted to be so germ free  
I hope that my children will be born  
into the world, not taken from it  
I hope they are spanked by spring breezes  
and sleep in the sun naked.

# Still is My Heart

Still is my heart in the morning  
Needle thin ray of sunshine patch over the dark  
Blue wash on the air, a background  
Still is my heart at noon  
Warmed gently to melting  
Forming tiny rivers to fascinate children in the snow  
Still is my heart in the evening  
Heightened to ecstasy by the last thin threads of day

A small crystalline drop  
Held fastened to the melting icicle  
By the cold of the night  
In the shade of the tree  
Waits  
Powerless, dead  
Till at noon the sun caught the moment in heat  
The icicle moved  
A crystalline drop of water fell to earth

+ +  
What good has it done to shoot the deer  
I no longer see him run swift by  
or watch him standing in the cornfield

What good has it done to capture the tiger  
So he can watch us through bars in our free world  
and eat fortified soy bean meal

What good has it done to pollute this city  
The children get cut on beer cans and violets  
can't grow

What good has it done to teach me a verb  
I am still lost in a sentence and useless to life

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When you have to find a pulse  
To know if you're still alive,  
You wonder what it's worth  
To be here, struggling.  
It seems that just about the time  
You don't think you're going to trip  
Or fall into a bottomless pit,  
You find that someone has stolen the bridge  
That was over the river  
And you have to start all over again.  
Trying to find a way to get across  
And then you're across and looking back.  
And wouldn't you know it.  
What you are looking for  
Was always on that side.

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Lord,  
Grant that I may not be so nearsighted as to miss the sky  
Or so farsighted as to miss a snowflake.  
Most of all  
I pray  
Not to be too blind to reach out and help  
Someone.

# Lend me your Sledgehammer

So often I feel alienated  
as though everyone else belongs to something or someone  
and I am watching from inside my glass bubble.  
I shout to them and yet they do not hear me.  
Maybe I can't speak their language.  
Many times I've tried to shatter the bubble,  
but it seems to be made of unbreakable plastic.  
I panic, fearing I shall never emerge,  
but spend my entire life  
struggling to be free of my prison,  
and wondering why. . .

Anonymous

# Monday

It's about that time again  
when everything is nothing,  
and nothing means everything to me.  
People come and go,  
and I watch them from my perch  
sitting on the floor in the hall.  
To me they're merely faces  
streaming by me only too quickly  
and I realize they don't even know I exist.  
But I do.  
And for some reason I'll just keep on sitting there  
Knowing nothing can hurt me  
so long as I don't believe it's really there.  
Well, class is starting.  
People are rushing by now  
even faster than they ever did before.  
But I don't even notice  
and slowly pick myself up  
and walk to my room.

Anonymous

# The Hope

## in your Eyes

Your eyes  
twinkle.  
Brown and sparkly.  
Your mouth grins.  
Little and crooked.  
Your head thrown back,  
laughter rings  
through life.  
I need only to look  
over at you,  
to laugh myself.  
Huddled  
in your  
furry, white jacket,  
the night surrounds you.  
You are so little,  
so innocent,  
so hopeful.  
You deserve only the best  
of life's treasures,  
little friend,  
of mine.

And I would travel  
a million miles around the  
world,  
just to say. . .  
that I had kept  
the hope in your eyes,  
the smile on your lips.

By Jan Kohlhepp

## A Hint of Tomorrow's Feeling

In the sleepiness of  
a gray, gray  
Saturday  
we laughed and were friends,  
and I couldn't see how it would end  
in September.  
Would I remember  
that lazy February afternoon  
when I felt a hint of the sorrow  
that would be so much greater in the tomorrow  
of our lives?  
I watched your face as we  
talked  
and I read in your brown eyes  
that yes, you would miss me, too.

By Colleen McLean

## They Called It Love

People always said  
she was pretty  
and very nice.  
I thought so, too.

They said  
we were made for each other  
and we looked so nice with each other  
and that we were in love.

They called it love,  
but I think it was more than that.  
It was like a lover,  
a best friend,  
and part of myself  
all in another person.

We really didn't talk much.  
But we communicated.  
We usually sat in silence,  
it being broken only by  
the music on the stereo  
or a passing car  
or a soft "I love you."

Something went wrong, I guess.  
Because one day she left,  
and I never saw her again.  
I often think of her.

I think of what she is doing  
and if her dreams are coming true,  
and I wonder if she will ever see me again.

Maybe, someday,  
the time and place  
will be right,  
and we will meet  
and love  
again.

By David E. Brown

## The Soft Hours of Morning

The morning  
has  
grey-washed  
all the sky  
with a giant  
paint-brush.

A nightingale  
is just finishing  
his song.  
The trees  
whisper.  
"Ahhhhh."

The sidewalks,  
the grass,  
are empty.

Nothing moves.

All is silent.  
The soft hours of morning.  
Grey sky.  
Grey world.  
Soft.

I sit by the window,  
looking out.  
I think of you.

You are strong and good.  
In the soft, grey  
morning,  
I feel you near.  
Quiet and caring.

I love You.  
Soft.

By Jan Kohlhepp

# Start pedaling—it's uphill all the way

By Sharon Fodness

What's that? You say when you were a kid there were only three kinds of bikes? (Tri, bi, and motor, right?) Well, wake up, America, because you are in the midst of what may be much more than just another passing American fancy. Yes, sir, the bicycle era is underway, and with it an estimated 80,000 Americans are on the road with only two wheels for support and only themselves for power. You don't just walk into a sporting goods store and buy a bicycle anymore — you have to know what you are talking about with speeds, light-weights, racers, derailleurs, and calliber brakes just some of the choices available. There's more to bikes today than wheel size and color.

Bicycling is no longer for the kids alone, and it is no longer regarded by manufacturers and dealers as a hobby developed by a minority of ecology fanatics. According to the U.S. Department of the Interior, the bicycle boom is the fastest growing outdoor sport in America. Bicycle sales continue a steady zoom up. In fact a few suppliers are so backlogged with orders, they have closed down future sales until the spring of 1974.

Apparently other groups are taking this "craze" just as seriously. Syracuse University is now offering an eight credit course (yes, eight whole credits) in cycling. The course is no sluff either, taught by a civil engineer and a bicycle pedagogue (what's that??). It covers dynamics, physics, maintenance and, believe it or not, apparel. Looks like there's going to be more than everyday flare jeans to this sport.

Another eye opener in the bicycle scene U.S. and Europe which have offered to cover part or all of the cost of a bicycle along with its storage and maintenance costs for any employee who will ride his bike to work. Not only does this offer result in physically fit employees, a solution to parking problems, and public approval, it also, in many cases, eases the company's conscience a bit by making them feel they



Sue Burris and Lois Becker pedal along Payne Street shortly after their last class on Friday.

are doing its part for the environment.

Environmental concern may very well be one of the main reasons some people are turning away from cars and looking toward bikes. They're concerned about what's happening to our earth, and riding a bike is a very realistic and positive way of saying "I care." Not only that, but bicycling is cheap. A good bike usually

runs anywhere from \$60 to \$200 but only gets expensive if you're looking at a French racer or some classy form of Schwinn. It is great for building up muscles and tearing down all that other stuff you'd like to think is muscle, and is unsurpassable for your appreciation of mother nature's beauty. Take a spin along a country road some summer morning

about sunrise time and see what it can do for your mind.

There are many other promising possibilities for the bike fan (Evil Knievel on a bicycle?) but there's no sense in sitting around reading about them when all you have to do to join the Wonderful World of Bicycling is find yourself a bike and start pedaling.

## Tennis and track expect good seasons

By BUD APITZ

With five of his top seven people returning, tennis coach Mr. Poncin, expects a very successful season. The Team's goals this year are to win the District and Region meets. His returning lettermen are seniors Joel Groebner and Rich Van Voorhis and juniors Randy Lembke, Bob Lindemann and Mark Wolf.

Lindemann and Wolf, returning number one doubles, won the District 10 doubles title last year as sophomores. They finished third in the Region III meet and advanced to play in the state meet at the University of Minnesota. Groebner, Lembke and Van Voorhis will probably be the three competitors in singles.

This year there will be a seven man tennis team, as compared to five last year. There will be three singles and two doubles teams. They will play for individual and team honors in the District, Region, and State tournaments.

New Ulm plays in the tough South Central Conference and the favorite this year once again will be Blue Earth.

The schedule of meets for this year is listed below:

April 13	Morgan	H
April 17	Luther	H
April 20	Glencoe	A
April 24	Fairmont	H
April 26	St. James	H

May 1	Redwood Falls	A
May 4	Hutchinson	H
May 8	Blue Earth	A
May 11	Morgan	A
May 12	Waseca	H
May 14	Glencoe	H
May 15	St. Peter	H
May 19	CONFERENCE	
May 21	Luther	H
May 22	Redwood Falls	H
May 26	DISTRICT	H
June 1	REGION	
June 8, 9	STATE	Mpls.

The 1973 Eagle track team has some mighty big shoes to fill. The 1972 team had a very impressive season and it will be hard to match. In addition to being undefeated in outdoor meets until the Region meet, the Eagle trackmen won the following meets and invitationals:

- Redwood Falls Invitational
- New Ulm Invitational
- Sentinel Relays-Fairmont, Class A
- Warrior Relays-Winthrop, Class A
- South Central Conference (First in 25 years)
- District 10

The coaches, Head Coach Davis, assisted by Mr. Pyleski and Mr. Varpens, feel that the outlook for the coming season is excellent. The reasons for their confident feeling are the thirteen returning lettermen. The names of these runners and

their events are as follows:

Bud Apitz-440, Jim Gollnast-440, Mark Hendricks-pole vault, Tom Pederson-sprints and hurdles, Rad Royer-hurdles, Tim Schultz-distance, Mark Stoltenburg-mile run, Dave Stoltenburg-2 mile run, Rod Tobias-sprints and relays, Scott Voves-hurdles, Jim Isaacson-880, Jim Lowinske-pole vault, and Steve Quiggle-440 and relays.

These men are out running hard every night and with the help of an expected 25-30 other men, they will be defending the championships won last year.

A list of meets this year's track team will enter follows:

Date	Site	
March 22	MSC (Indoor)	New Richland-Owatonna
March 27	MSC (Indoor)	South Central Conference
March 30, 31	Outstate Indoor Meet	
	Univ. of Minnesota	Wabasso, Gaylord,
April 10	HOME	Lamberton, Winthrop
		Madelia, Fairmont
April 12	HOME	Waseca
April 16	HOME	Glencoe, Mankato
April 17	HOME	Redwood Falls, Winthrop
April 24	Winthrop	Invitational
April 27	Redwood Falls	Invitational-Redwood Falls
May 3	HOME	Wells, Montgomery, St. Peter
		Slayton
May 5	Fairmont	Sentinel Relays
May 11	Winthrop	Warrior Relays
May 18	HOME	South Central Conference
May 24	Winthrop	Sub-Region B — Glencoe
		Hutchinson, Redwood Falls
June 1	Winthrop	REGION III
June 8, 9	Mpls.	STATE TRACK MEET

# You can't win 'em all

By Mark Hendricks

The New Ulm Gymnastics team had a GREAT season. For a long period of time they were ranked No. 2, but after defeating Armstrong of Robbinsdale the Eagle gymnasts took over the No. 1 spot for the remainder of the season.

On February 2nd the Fairmont Cardinals came to New Ulm for a dual meet. New Ulm on that night set another school record by defeating the Cardinals by the score of 146.10 to Fairmont's 129.90. The previous high for the Eagles was 136.50, which was set a few weeks before. Jay Lowinske, acclaimed as the best gymnast in the state, scored 37.75 in the five olympic events to break his school record also. Tom Pederson, captain for the night, won the side horse, Jeff Berg won still rings, and Jay won the rest of the events that evening.

New Ulm ended its season with a dual meet against Austin. For the entire gym team this night was a tragic evening. On his opening run on floor-ex, Jay dislocated his elbow and was unable to continue competition. This was the first event of the meet. So Jay was unable to compete in the state meet for the second year in a row. Last year he fractured his ankle in the regional meet. Jim Lowinske, Jay's younger brother, filled in as New Ulm's all-around man for the remainder of the meet. He scored 24.45 points on only four olympic events. He was not entered on floor-ex. The Eagles ended up losing to Austin 140.2 to our 133.2 but had three first place winners: Jim Lowinske on parallel bars, Jeff Berg, on still rings, and Mark Hendricks on floor-ex.

After that incident at Austin coach Schmidt remarked, "And there went our chances for the state title. Without him the team is not as strong. There's no doubt about that."

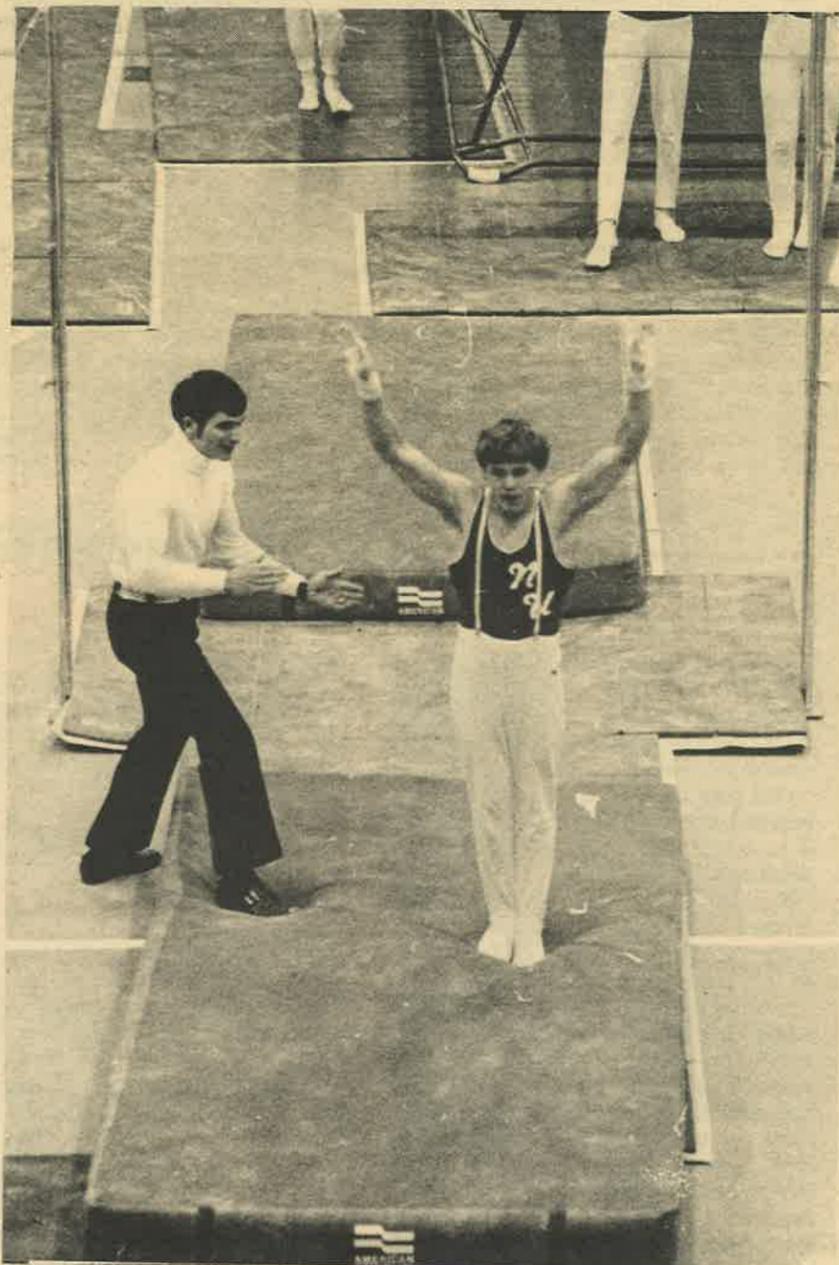
The team didn't have the depth after Jay's injury and this lack of depth was obvious as the Eagles took third place in the regional meet at Fairmont. Host Fairmont won the revised Region 1 meet on Saturday, March 10. New Ulm was in first place, five points ahead of Fairmont after four events but then that lack of team depth showed in the three remaining events. New Ulm scored only 15.9 and 15.3 on the trampoline and horizontal bar while Fairmont scored 22.35 on the trampoline and 20.45 on the high bar to pass New Ulm. On those two events Fairmont picked up 11.6 points. Austin also passed New Ulm with a strong trampoline performance and moved into second place.

Looking on the bright side New Ulm still advanced five individuals to the state meet. Dave Rosenbloom took first place on parallel bars and second on floor-ex. Mark Hendricks was first on floor-ex and tied for third in tumbling. Tom Pederson was third on side horse and Jeff Berg was first on the rings. Jim Lowinske had no individual medals but tied for first place with Dave Loeding of Austin for all-around honors. Both had 29.8 points for the five Olympic events. New Ulm's **BEST EVENT FOR THE DAY WAS FLOOR-EX** with 24.5. Mark Hendricks had an 8.7 on this event for the highest individual score of the meet. Dave Rosenbloom also had a fine score of 8.45.

Speaking for the entire team, I'd like to say that we appreciated the fine support of the student body and faculty. Thank you for sharing the season with us.



Dave Rosenbloom displays the floor-ex form that earned him 2nd in the region and 4th in the state gym meets.



Jim Lowinske successfully concludes his horizontal bar routine which gave him a tie for the all-around championship in the regional meet.

# Carthey's Corner

Larry Jensen was the most consistent performer the New Ulm basketball team had this year. Though Larry was in frequent foul trouble in many of the games, he always put in a good if not spectacular performance. Larry had the honor of being among the top seven scorers in the South Central Conference. With these facts in mind I feel Larry deserved to make the South Central All-Conference Team.

Congratulations to Paul Gieseke for taking second in the Region Three Wrestling Meet. Paul was not ranked very high in the District 10 Wrestling Meet but he put it all together to earn a state tournament berth.

Jimmy Lowinske, performing in his brother's shadow and reputation all year, came through in typical Lowinske fashion and tied for first All-Round at the Region Three Gymnastics Meet.

The New Ulm Baseball Team will have to fill three positions this year left open by graduating Seniors. Second base will be the easiest position to replace with either Bryan Boelter or Bruce Wieland filling in for the graduated Homer Ahlness. Everyone will miss Bill Reitter's big bat at first base this spring including the N.U. Baseball Team. The position could have been filled by Jim Schuetzle, but it appears as if he's not going out. Larry Jensen will probably be called upon by Coach Jim Senske to fill the first base position. The biggest question mark this year is at catcher. Howie Melzer, who graduated last year, was perhaps one of the best catchers Coach Jim Senske ever had. New Ulm's won and lost record will depend upon how that position is played. Coach Jim Senske will probably end up trying any number of people to find the right player. The two top prospects are sophomore Dan Sweet and junior Terry Johnson. These two will have to battle it out for the starting position.

## A good choice for spring

By Steve Penrod

There is quite a variety of sports being offered for girls this spring, including both interscholastic and intramural sports.

On the interscholastic level track and softball are offered. Girls track is coached by Miss Beug and Miss Mueller. Practice is starting soon and will be held every night after school. There are many openings for participants and there will be several meets this year. Interscholastic softball will also start as soon as the weather is suitable. Softball is coached by Miss Fritz. Practice will be held three nights a week and the team will have games with three other schools.

On the intramural scene this year, golf, tennis, and softball will be offered. Intramural sports are coached by Mrs. Dahnheim. The games and practices will be held on days selected by the girls.

As you can see, there is a great selection of activities for girls so there should be plenty of things for girls to take part in this spring.



New Ulm and Redwood Falls players wait for a rebound during their semifinal game at Gustavus. But where's the ball?

# Eagles finish good season

By Mark Schmiesing

In the last two games of the regular season, the Eagles lost to Springfield 40-43 and then came back to edge Fairmont 63-60. Against Fairmont Dan Hirth picked up the slack on offense as he hit 9 for 12 field goals and made 12 out of 16 free throws. Ron Kaiser also had a good night with 15. The Fairmont game was played without the services of Larry Jensen, who was out with an ankle injury. The Eagles now appeared ready to enter optimistically the district for the first time in several years.

The second ranked Eagles drew Franklin in the first round and got more than they expected or wanted. After falling behind 16 to 6 after the first quarter, New Ulm came back and outscored Franklin in each of the last 3 for a final 55-51 victory. Ron Kaiser and Mark Schmiesing each had 14 for the Eagles. Sleepy Eye beat

Belview to become the Eagles next opponent. In this game the Eagles came out on top 53-48. After playing an impressive first half, New Ulm let up. After being down 31-17 at the half, Sleepy Eye came back to within 3 early in the fourth quarter, but some pressure free throws put the game out of reach for Sleepy Eye.

The win meant the Eagles would go to Gustavus and meet Redwood Falls in the semi-final round.

In a very defensive game New Ulm downed Redwood 43-40. In the final minute it was still anybody's ball game as both teams committed numerous turnovers and mistakes. It wasn't until Kevin Patterson hit two free throws with less than 10 seconds left that the game was really won. Kevin led the Eagles with 15. Jensen and Kaiser each got ten. It was a well played game by both sides. The win sent the Eagles to the finals to meet Gaylord for the

first time in 11 years.

Before the game everyone thought defense would win or lose the game. The idea was that if New Ulm could control the Gaylord offense, it could win. Well, as it happened, both defenses were iron clad. Gaylord came out and pressured the Eagles all over the floor. The lack of scoring ability caused the Eagles to lose 36-24. There was only one player on either team in double figures. It was a hard one to lose after holding high scoring Gaylord to just 36 points.

The only thing to do now is wish the Gaylord Spartans good luck in the Region. All in all, it has been a great winter in sports. The basketball team finished with a 17-6 record, the wrestlers won the district and we all know that the best gymnastics team in the state is right here in New Ulm. We've had a winter we can all be very proud of.

## The \$64,000 question is . . .

By Jim Abraham

WHAT WAS THE DUAL MEET RECORD OF THE NEW ULM GOLF TEAM LAST YEAR? How many of you know? Does anybody know? Our dual meet record was 6-4-1.

Golf may not be followed as closely as baseball or track by the student body, but it is taken very seriously by the participants.

It is felt that with three returning lettermen and some promising other prospects, the Eagle golfers could improve on last year's record.

Heading the list of returning lettermen is Kevin Patterson. Kevin has four years of varsity experience at New Ulm and has proved himself to be one of the top area high school golfers. Along with Kevin, there are two other lettermen returning, Jay Lowinske and Steve Wyczawski. Both Jay and Steve have two years of varsity experience and, along with Kevin, have shown steady improvement throughout their high school careers. These three seniors will be the nucleus of this year's team.

However, it takes more than three to make a team. A high school golf team consists of six members so there are three

vacancies to be filled.

The scoring system in golf is much like that in cross country in that the low score wins. In cross country the score is determined by adding up the five low place

finishes. The scores in golf are determined by adding up the four low stroke totals. If this "fourth" man can be found to go along with the three returning lettermen, New Ulm can have a very successful season.

## Another average season?

By Jim Abraham

The NUHS baseball team looks like it will have another average season this year. But before you give up all hope, let's look at what is average for New Ulm. In past years it has almost become a habit for New Ulm to take District 10 honors and sometimes the Region 3 title. To do this year after year is quite a feat and I'm sure that a large portion of the credit is due to the fine coaching staff which is headed by Mr. Senske.

The players are very optimistic about their upcoming season. The main reason for their optimism is that they have lost only three starters from a team that placed second in the Region Three tournament a year ago.

However, the seniors lost may be hard to

replace. The positions that need to be filled are catcher, first base, and second base. These positions will be up for grabs as the season opens, and coach Senske will have to find the right people to fill these openings.

One of the real strengths of this year's team is the pitching staff. An experienced and talented pair of pitchers, **Larry Jensen** and **Dan Hirth**, return.

There are also eight other returning lettermen, including seniors Mark Moll, Jim Melzer and Joe Carthey and juniors Tim Loose, Jim Schuetzle, Terry Johnson, Bill Olsen and Bruce Wieland.

Since basically the same team is back from a year ago, it is felt that the Eagles could go a long way this year. So get ready for another average year of NUHS baseball.