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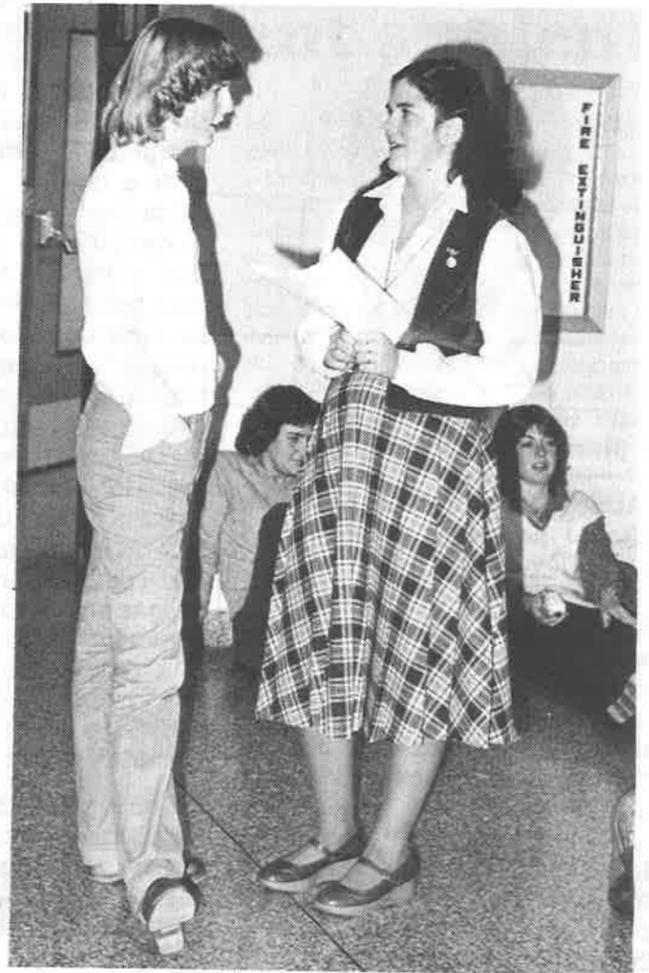
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These two young ladies at N. DeSent High have accepted the fashions originally introduced by heart throb Trent Setter.



Trent observes some pretty co-eds on the mall below who are wearing the many new fashions introduced this season.



Trent's many admirers discuss prom strategies during a break between classes.

## NUHS sees effects of "Trent Setters"

by Mike Ostrom

In recent years, high school students have initiated a trend towards more becoming school attire. However, very few students know the story of the young man who is responsible for this trend.

The story takes place in a small town in America's Heartland, DeSent, Nebraska. To be more specific, the happening takes place in the confines of Napoleon DeSent High School or N. DeSent High as it was appropriately called. N. DeSent High's claim to infamy was the dowdy attire of its students. These students were the original malcontents of the Sixties. Each week the students tried to out-grub their friend's attire. After a week of this type of dress, they would worship their sacred "Holy Levis."

The leader of this grub movement was Levi Zwornout, a young lad whose primary activities were writing insightful poetry, such as, "Life Is Like a Condominium Outhouse," and serving as President of "The Chuck Manson for President" Club.

One might think that these two activities would consume all of Levi's spare time, but he still found time to set the clothing styles for N. DeSent High.

Needless to say, Levi's parents became increasingly distressed at Levi's dress and would frequently inquire, "Why can't you dress like a human being. We've heard that there aren't going to be any more remakes of 'The Planet of the Apes.'" "

Levi would reply "Like, hey, man, Pierre Cardin and Calvin Klein are materialistic fascist pigs." Well, Levi ruled the roost (or sty, if you prefer) up to 1975, the year a young transfer student from Ireland shook up N. DeSent High with his unusual attire.

Trent Bellmore Setter was this rebel who dared to dress with impeccable taste. Trent Setter, as he preferred to be called, was a thing of beauty from the top of his Pierre Cardin three-piece suit to the bottom of his Freeman Free-Flex shoes. He immediately caused a furor at N. DeSent High.

The teachers were in awe of the young,

Irish Setter. Many of his teachers granted him an automatic "A" merely for gracing their classrooms. This privilege, heretofore, had only been granted to "Honor Students," or am I wrong there? Nevertheless, the most interesting reaction of a teacher came from Miss Bladderbust, the Applied Geriatrics teacher. It seems that everytime the handsome lad would approach her desk with a question, her knees became very weak, not to mention her kidneys. This reaction was also evident from the senior girls.

"What a hunk!" they all exclaimed. Many of the senior girls expressed their intention of asking him to the prom. However, this intention was not unusual because it seems that senior girls have historically been forced to lasso up a prom date. Trent loved all the attention he was getting.

The parents predictably laid it on their sons for their inferiorities. "Why can't you be like Trent? He is the All-American Boy."

The sarcastic sons usually replied, "As soon as you live up to Ozzie and Harriet." These unrealistic attitudes were countered by the high school boys' more realistic observations.

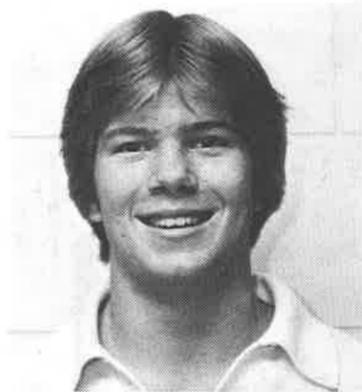
"What a fruitcake" was one of their assessments. "This guy's a 100 percent genuine Tinkerbelle!" was another. Also, because 35 or 40 girls were escorting him to the prom; they proposed the theme to be "The Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy." But, alas, the boys soon realized that to get along; they would have to change.

All the boys began to dress up. Levi, previously a respectable young man, went disco. He stooped to such things as wearing tight pants, buying all the BEE-GEES records and, God forbid, using a BLOW-DRYER!! This strange spectacle of a boy dressing up and caring meticulously for his hair soon spread to the rest of the male student body at N. DeSent High.

However, this change in high-school boys just never caught on. Whoever heard of a boy using a BLOW-DRYER?

# editorial

## Athletics discouraging to some



by Mark Hulsey

Athletics in our school has some definite problems which must soon be overcome.

Our school has come up with a few winning teams in years, but most of the students, faculty, and fans are tired of the excuse "just wait till next year." It doesn't take a mental giant to figure out what happens when next year rolls around.

Perhaps sports suffer because of the declining participation of students. The three-sport athlete is a rare specie nowadays. Students are finding it difficult to keep up with the longer seasons. In addition, students ask themselves why they should put so much time and effort into a sport when their team will lose anyway. This negative attitude does not help the situation, but it is not the reason for a losing season.

A major deterrent to more students going out for a sport is the coach himself. When a coach confronts an athlete with questions about his private life,

things have gone too far. If an athlete has a personal problem, he does not have to talk to the coach about it. He should not get the third degree about his relationship with a female student from a coach.

Another major gripe of the student-athlete is the favoritism that exists in New Ulm sports. Just because some student has a familiar or influential name is no reason for Johnny to play more than Albert, especially if Albert is a better athlete. There are too many Alberts who quit because they don't want to play left out. Unfortunately, this problem often begins in the junior high school and continues in the senior high.

Coaches should keep their demands of the student-athlete at a reasonable level. There are other things in life besides athletics, and some coaches should discover them.

Encouragement from coaches for more student participation in sports would also help resolve some problems. This communication would give everyone a better feeling.

Students should also have a better attitude towards athletics. They should go out for the sport with a good feeling, give their best, and leave the sport feeling good.

Being involved in athletics can be rewarding in numerous ways. We hope everyone makes participation in athletics rewarding by doing his part to solve some of these problems that presently exist at NUHS.



If students wonder where those large thighs and little rolls around the belly come from, they should seriously consider eliminating all the junk food they consume.

Did you realize that the faculty treats us as if



I Realized that when I saw the "Do not put pennies in the vending machine" sign in the senior lounge.

Onda

## Salad bar "lettuce" have it our way



by Colleen Berg

To eat or not to eat, that is the daily question posed to NUHS students. Everyday almost everyone looks at the menu before deciding to eat lunch, but what if we had a different lunch system?

An open lunch period would present advantages and disadvantages. Students could go anywhere and eat whatever they chose. People who live close to school could walk home for lunch. But what would happen if a car didn't start, the food wasn't done in time, or too many students were late to their next class? These possibilities are some of the main concerns of the administration. The school provides students with a 30 minute lunch period. I feel that isn't sufficient time to get to and from the popular fast food places. Besides, eating at "Mac and Don's" everyday is expensive.

Last year parents filled out a questionnaire during the parent-teacher conferences. One question asked if parents favored an open lunch. The outcome was

one-sided; 429 said no, 33 were in favor, and 16 had no opinion on the subject.

St. James High School has an open lunch program. Students attending the school think the arrangement is successful. Persons requesting to drive during lunch must have their parents' approval; however, students may walk where they please without a pass. St. Peter also has a successful open lunch, but the school is close to fast food places.

Soon NUHS students will be deciding if they should eat a hot lunch or have a salad at the salad bar. In order to provide this choice, the school will purchase a salad buffet table complete with sneeze guard. A lunch ticket will be good for either hot food or the salad bar. Due to the lack of experience in offering this type of food service, the salad bar will take some time before it operates smoothly. The administration hopes that this new concept for the lunch program will begin a week before Christmas vacation.

## the graphos

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# the guidepost

by Mary Swenson, Counselor

Have you ever wanted to drop a class or change your schedule? Have you started a new quarter and found you simply couldn't handle the work in one of your classes? Or have you found yourself a senior in a class filled with sophomores? What's a person to do in any of these situations? The first thing most people do is come to the guidance office and utter the now famous words, "I want to change my schedule." Changing one's schedule can be a harrowing experience! Some people leave our office with no satisfaction and no change of schedule. Other students find a compromise must be reached to accommodate the scheduling system and their own wishes. Few students get the change in schedule they initially requested.

Here's some information that may be helpful to anyone thinking about changing schedules:

1) Dropping a class to get a study hall is as likely as seeing a barrel of Iranian oil in New Ulm. (Not very likely!) But did you know that you can usually drop a study hall or study time and add a class?

- 2) Changing sections of the same class to open your schedule for a first or seventh hour free time is also in the "never-never land" category.
- 3) Signing up for a class during scheduling time in May and again in December commits you to that class. In other words, take time to examine the classes you have scheduled and make sure these are the classes you want to take.
- 4) If you are thinking about dropping a one credit course, you should be aware that you will receive no credit for the time you have spent in the class to date. That means the time and energy spent in that class is for nought.
- 5) Changing sections of a class or changing a class because you really don't like all the work the teacher is giving, or you don't like the teacher's style is like expecting the Vikings to win the Super Bowl. It's a nice thought but virtually impossible!

Sounds pretty glum, doesn't it? Well, it is glum if you didn't prepare yourself adequately during scheduling time. However, if you use the time allotted during scheduling wisely, your schedule can be a reflection of your careful planning. Also, if you are in a difficult situation, we will be happy to take a look at your situation and help you arrive at a solution. Take care and schedule wisely! We need a commitment from students to make scheduling benefit students and teachers.

## Hospital name ill-chosen



by Phil Vorwerk

As you probably know, New Ulm is combining the services of its two hospitals, Loretto and Union, into one. The "new" hospital is the old Loretto Hospital. To show that the new hospital is really both hospitals combined, and not just the closing of the Union Hospital, a new name was chosen, representing both hospitals. A committee chosen for just that purpose came up with "Sioux Valley Hospital."

This name has been under a lot of criticism. I'm sure there are many people who like the name, but no one I have talked to is one of them. People have been writing to the Journal, telling us how ill-chosen the choice was. Well, at least the committee that chose it must like the name.

Dr. Howard Vogel's untimely death started a new round of criticism for "Sioux

Valley." Now many people would like to see the "new" hospital named in Dr. Vogel's memory, but is it worth all the trouble?

I would like to see the Rec Center named after Vogel. True, naming the hospital after Dr. Vogel may have more honor than naming the Rec Center after him, but the Rec Center was something he really believed in. Dr. Vogel was one of the biggest supporters of the Rec Center, and he fought hard for its acceptance.

Apparently, some other people feel the same way about renaming the Rec Center. Henry Somsen, a new Ulm attorney, wrote a letter suggesting the Rec Center be named after Howard Vogel. People who want to sign this letter should contact Mayor Wyczawski.

When you think about it, though, doesn't all this fuss over names seem a little silly? No matter what we name something, it won't be any better or any worse because of its name. We could call the new hospital "The Minnesota Test and Experimentation Center" and it still wouldn't change what kind of care we got there.

Besides, I kind of like the name of our "new" hospital. You see, the committee that chose the name is really making an inside joke.

The committee chose "Sioux Valley" to honor New Ulm's original settlers, the Sioux Indians. However, the Indians who lived in the Minnesota River valley were the Decotah. It seems that the Decotah and the Chippewa had a war going for many years. "Sioux" is what the Chippewa called the Dacotah.

"Sioux" is the Chippewa word for "enemy."

## Memories of siblings shadow current students



by Ann Forst

There are many of us who can't begin to estimate the number of times a teacher or an acquaintance has said, "Oh, I know you, you're \_\_\_\_\_'s sister!!" It is apparent the individual knows my sister, but I wonder if he really knows me?

Those of us who have brothers, sisters, or numerous relatives within the school system are eventually associated with our kinfolk. It is also true that a teacher may be able to identify with a student more if he knows some family background. A simple remark concerning the physical resemblance is certainly admissible, but when someone compares me to my brothers or sister, I begin to feel inferior.

The situation becomes even more aggravating when an authoritative figure makes the following statement, "Well, I'm sure you will live up to the talents and abilities of your brothers and sisters." When someone says this, I feel as if he is challenging my dignity. Another reason why I don't like it when someone compares a member of my family to me is because I

feel as if he is pressuring me to attain the goals of another person.

Occasionally, I have even heard parents pointing out the accomplishments of older members of the family to their younger children. A prime example of this habit concerns grades. Let's say an average student works diligently all quarter. She does every extra credit paper possible and studies for all the tests but her final grade is a B. Many people would feel inclined to say "Not bad." But when the student proudly shows her parents the grade, her father says, "What happened here, your brother got an A in this class, didn't you try?"

Although a comparison may make some kids strive to succeed, it may also cause others to avoid a certain subject or even a particular sport. The reason some people give for not pursuing a family-related-activity is they don't want to be reminded that they didn't "measure up" to standards.

For example, your two older brothers were outstanding basketball players and the coach along with your parents were extremely proud. Now it's your sophomore year and Dad's saying, "You'll be a fine basketball player, just like your brothers." At the same time the coach is expecting great things. On the other hand, you don't want to play basketball and would rather lift weights during the winter. What do you say?

First of all, each of us has to be recognized as an individual and not the mirror of an older brother or sister. As Eleanor Roosevelt once said, "No one can make you feel inferior unless you permit them to." Have confidence in the things you can do as well as in yourself.

So I can't get an A in the same class my sister did. I think the most important thing is that I can feel good about myself for what I am.



Titus Ubrich

# people



Warren Marti, a grandson of August Schell, is primarily responsible for keeping Schell's Brewery viable in a highly competitive industry.

## Marti brews New Ulm's oldest product

by Rachel Meyer

"Our beer is the best beer in the world," was the exclamation of Warren Marti, company president, sales manager, and plant manager of the oldest business in New Ulm, Schell's Brewery. Marti is the great-grandson of August Schell, the founder of the century-old brewery bearing his name.

Schell's Brewery, now in its 119th year of operation, is one of the few surviving independent breweries in the country. Only two such breweries are left in Minnesota. The other is Cold Spring.

The larger, highly competitive brewing companies have dominated the market and forced small regional companies to go out of business. The five largest companies — Anheuser-Busch, Schlitz, Miller, Pabst, and Coors account for 70 percent of the beer sales in the U.S. Marti remarked, "The large beer companies spill more beer in a day than we sell in a year."

The market for Schell's Beer has expanded in the last few years. Its name has become a familiar word throughout the midwest. The German brew is sold mainly in Minnesota, South Dakota, Iowa, Oklahoma, and large sales are made in the Chicago area.

Schell's has expanded to more than just brewing beer. They produce and sell

hydroponically grown tomatoes. This system takes advantage of land owned by the company and the waste heat from the boilers. The tomatoes are grown in a liquid solution and sold to supermarkets. Ted Marti, known to NUHS sports fans as the boys' gymnastics coach, manages the tomato business.

Another of Schell's latest endeavors has been the development of new and unique beer cans. These cans have aroused the attention of beer can collectors throughout the country. When asked if he felt that these cans have increased sales, Marti replied, "Well, they probably have increased our sales but not significantly."

As Marti sits at his desk in the brewery office, he is surrounded by the different beer bottles and cans Schell's has produced. Signs and posters advertising this popular "Deer Brand Beer" cover the walls, and a keg greets you as you enter the office. Other Schell's memorabilia is displayed around the room.

Marti and his wife, Casey, who also works in the brewery office, live in a large, brick, Victorian-style home built by August Schell in 1880. Formal gardens, which are patterned after gardens in Germany, surround the walk from the brewery to the mansion. This nationally known park is one of New Ulm's show places and is visited by thousands of tourists every year.



Her warm and friendly smile followed by a cheerful "hi" make Bonnie Bianchi an obvious selection for this month's BWOC.

## BWOC enthusiastic about her many achievements

by Bonnie Flaig

Her warm smile and friendly "Hi!" are the first things a person notices when they meet Bonnie Bianchi, this month's BWOC.

Bianchi was not only elected the first female president of the local Future Farmers of America chapter but was also chosen as president of the FFA district to which New Ulm belongs. This district includes thirteen local chapters.

She certainly has the agricultural background to handle these positions. In the past three years that Bianchi has taken her cow to the state fair, she has come home with the Grand Champion award twice and Reserve Grand Champion once.

The state fair Individual Herdsmanship award was also given to Bonnie for keeping her display the neatest.

Her past involvement in FFA includes many areas. She has been in the district speaking contest for the past two years.

Interest in ag journalism is evident by

her work on the FFA section in the yearbook. Bianchi's future plans include studying ag journalism or ag production.

Bianchi rarely finds much free time, but when she does, she enjoys drawing and painting, horseback riding, swimming, biking and keeping up with her dairy activities.

In school, she is the vice president of the senior class. She also serves as the treasurer of the Minnesota Junior Holstein Association.

"It doesn't matter whether you're a girl or a boy, as long as you're putting forth your best" is the way her feelings about being president of FFA were expressed.

She feels that being the first girl president is a challenge and hopes she is setting an example for future girls who will be involved with FFA.

Bianchi has set an example for many people, not only by her achievements but also by her enthusiasm and cheerful outlook on life.



# Rotary contributes to community's youth

by Dave Traurig

"Dedicated to the service of youth and community," says Grandfather Rotary.

Grandfather Rotary is a service organization. It is the grandfather of such organizations because it is the first to be established. The Rotary took flight in 1905 in Chicago. In 1922 it spread its wings and flew to many foreign countries, picking up the name Rotary International. A Rotary club also landed in New Ulm.

Rotary Club provides services for youth and the community. The Rotary is made up of business and professional men of a community. For membership, an individual must be sponsored by a Rotary member, and there must be an opening for his profession.

The New Ulm Rotary is involved in the community and seems to direct more of its activities toward the youth of the community. The Rotary is interested in the academic activities of the youth and the betterment of such activities. New Ulm's Rotary is also involved with the international Rotary by participating in the Health, Humanity and Hunger Drive. Each member of the Rotary donates \$15 to the drive.

The youth of New Ulm have benefited from the dedication of the Rotary Club's members. The New Ulm Rotary has been involved in a student exchange program with Ulm, Germany. A year ago New Ulm

sent 1978 graduate of New Ulm Senior High, Chris Doe, to Ulm, Germany. During the 1979-1980 school year Irmela Ruhdel of Ulm, Germany, is attending NUHS. The Rotary also sponsors a banquet honoring the top seniors in New Ulm's high schools.

Probably the most important youth activity sponsored by the Rotary is the student speaker program. The program is designed to introduce some seniors and their ideas to the Rotary members. The seniors from New Ulm Cathedral, Dr. Martin Luther College, and NUHS are selected by their administrators as speakers during the regular Rotary meeting. The seniors from each school alternate attending. The students attend two weekly meetings of the Rotary. At the first meeting the student is there to observe. The following week the student gives a short speech on a topic of his choice. The first senior who represented NUHS was Eric Senske, who talked about the advantages of living in a small town.

The New Ulm Rotary is headed by 1979 president Dick Salvati, New Ulm's City Manager. President-elect for 1980 is Phil Frisch. The Rotary meets weekly every Tuesday noon at the New Ulm Country Club. The meetings consist of lunch, introduction of members' guests, the student speaker, and a guest speaker.

The Rotary's guest list has a wide variety of speakers. It has ranged from home run king Henry Aaron to the present Lieutenant-Governor of Minnesota.



# Glutamates make gluttons

by Kim Schmiesing

In recent studies made of the student body at NUHS, it has been noted that most, if not all, students have one thing in common.

As much as some hate to admit that they share common characteristics with sophomores, most students are addicted to JUNK FOOD! It's true. Certainly all students have seen the senior who is on the verge of a breakdown because he cannot find any change for the vending machines in the senior lounge.

Juniors have created sympathy for themselves by walking aimlessly through the halls due to the low levels of glutamates and hydrogenated substances in their bodies. Upperclassmen frequently hide a sadistic smile while watching the herds of sophomores trying to pound down the Paper Mache door between classes.

Most are probably not admitting that they are one of these junk food junkies, but they are also the same ones who sneak into the lavatories between classes to inject

Doritos into their veins. And nothing can cover the distinct smell of Doritos on the breath of the seemingly normal student who sits in the next row in English class.

It may as well be admitted that almost everyone partakes in the delicious activity of devouring junk food. Many "junkies" have replaced the milk group in their diet with the milk chocolate group. The bread and cereal group has become the french fry and chip group.

Enjoyable and as positively harmless as this junk food habit may appear to be, students are always being warned of the side effects which could occur as a result of consuming mass quantities. Terminal acne, however, is thought to be a small price to pay, and obesity really isn't all that bad as long as nobody else notices.

The totally exciting part about this "problem" is wondering whether the "old wives tale" which says that you are what you eat is fact or fallacy.

I can hardly wait for the day I see a six foot Snicker walking toward me in the halls. It would be a dream come true!

# Students find action in high school theatre

by Grace Stabell

Lights, curtain, lines, and "I Remember Mama." The school play was off and running!

Carol Ackerson, the play director, stated that she wanted "to dedicate this play to my father, who immigrated to this country in the early 30's from Oslo, Norway, and gave me the sense of family that the characters in this play illustrate so well." She wrote in the program notes that "the Hanson family of Steiner Street has been popular with audiences since Kathryn Forbes first published her short stories about their adventures. Their charm as a family has always been their ability to remind us all of parts of our own family life and our various relatives, both pleasant and peculiar."

"The cast for the play was really great, and I think they did a terrific job," said Kathy Davis, a crew member. Other comments that came from the crowd attending the performances were "Neat!" "Casting was great!" "They were terrific!" "I really enjoyed it."

The cast's reactions to the play were also enthusiastic. Dan Skillings said, "I really enjoyed it even though it was a lot of hard work." Barry Roth described his feelings in this way: "I did it because it



This dramatic scene from "I Remember Mama" includes from left to right Kris Ryberg, Dan Skillings, Lisa Peterson, Skip Radke, and Bonnie Windschitl.

ends up in a kind of magic. You can see all your efforts come together." Chap Hiza admitted, "I enjoy entertaining people, and I do it for the feeling of accomplishment it gives me. It is nice to see people laugh and enjoy the play."

Ed Sagmoen learned "If you really want to put on a production, you must put a lot of time into it, and have every actor and actress know their part of the play. If everyone works together you will have a super play!" Tad Thompson, however found that "It is hard to do what the director wanted me to do, and especially hard to work up to her expectations."

Almost all of the cast felt that they had all made new friends, and really had some fun in the six weeks they had been rehearsing.

The cast included Kim Schmiesing, Lisa Peterson, Tad Thompson, Mary Windschitl, Debra Rathmann, Bary Roth, Jim Quiggle, Missy Donner, Bonnie Windschitl, Pegeen Ranniger, Dan Skillings, Kris Ryberg, Chap Hiza, Phil Domeier, Skip Radke, Lisa Gitter, Cathy Hartten, Beverly Rusch, Ed Sagmoen, Diane Hawkins, Diane Binder, Damien Donner, Roberta McCrea, and Ringo. They were directed by Carol Ackerson; student director was Ed Sagmoen. Mike Roelofs served as technical director.

# Nuclear energy radiates many problems

by Kim Hoggatt and George Hudak

A decade ago nuclear energy was considered to be the answer to all the nation's energy problems. Today, when questions are asked about why the nation is still having so many energy problems, nuclear energy is still the answer.

For years people were told only the positive aspects of nuclear power, but now people are discovering the potential dangers of nuclear energy to their health and the environment.

Nuclear energy has several advantages over the present sources of energy. Nuclear energy will prevent the Middle Eastern countries from controlling the nation's economy. By using nuclear power the nation will not be dependant on foreign oil for its main energy source. Nuclear energy is much cleaner than coal in that it doesn't emit pollutants into the air or water. The price for atomic power is 63 percent cheaper to generate than oil and 30 percent less expensive to generate than coal.

Though records show that nuclear power is relatively safe, one accident can lead to death and destruction for several decades.

Small amounts of radioactive leakage occur regularly at nuclear power plants. When this leakage occurs, the surrounding areas are exposed to radiation.

The most dangerous accident in nuclear power plants is known as a meltdown, which occurs when the reactor core becomes too hot and the atomic reaction continues out of control. Once out of control, the core melts its way through the concrete and steel containment structure. This possibility is the familiar "China Syndrome."

Nuclear wastes and routine releases of radioactive material are other manners in which radiation can be introduced into the environment. A safe way of storing nuclear wastes has not yet been found. Presently, nuclear wastes are stored in canisters, but unfortunately salts eat through the canisters and release the wastes. Although these canisters are assumed to be rupture proof, minute shifts in the earth could dislodge or damage the canisters. Nuclear power plants release routine amounts of radiation that are supposed to be harmless. There are solid arguments against this practice because some nuclear experts feel that any dose of radiation is an overdose.

When the environment is exposed to radiation, the whole balance of the system

is disrupted. Water, food, and air supplies are contaminated. Once radiation enters the biosystem, it remains there for at least forty years. This exposure has been found to be detrimental to the environment, through its effects are not fully understood.

Many people in this area don't realize the potential threat from nuclear power. In Minnesota there are three nuclear power plants, all located in the southern half of the state. If an accident should occur in any of these plants, everyone in the area is in immediate danger of being exposed to harmful amounts of radiation. Nuclear accidents such as the one at Prairie Island pollute the air with a radioactive dust. This dust can be carried to surrounding areas by the wind. Any southeasterly wind could carry radioactive dust to the New Ulm area.

The effects of radiation can be devastating to humans. People who were exposed to high levels of radiation at Hiroshima or from excessive radiation treatments are now experiencing these effects. Diseases caused by radiation are showing up 10 to 20 years after the exposure.

Many of the symptoms include the clouding of the lens in the eye, thyroid cancer, leukemia, and genetic material

changes. Fetuses and children under 10 are the most vulnerable victims of radiation.

Radiation does not only exist in the generation that was exposed to it. The consequences of the radiation are passed from generation to generation. Mutations from the radiation can show up three and four generations later. The diseases that are related to radiation are a burden to future generations.

People have a tendency to dismiss the possibility of a nuclear accident involving them. Little do they know that the chances of their involvement in a local nuclear accident are high. Accidents in the past have been triggered by a push of the wrong button or the lighting of a match.

In January, 1961, three technicians were killed when an experimental reactor exploded in Idaho. One of the technicians was fatally impaled by a reactor rod. The danger to the public was held to a minimum, but because of the high levels of radiation contained in the corpses, the bodies had to be buried with the nuclear wastes. After the investigation into the accident was completed, it was discovered that one of the victims may have deliberately sabotaged the plant because of a love triangle with his wife and another technician.



Students who need an alternative to the traditional school experience are now working toward a high school diploma by attending the Alternative School.

## Students find alternative to traditional schooling

by Jane Hagedon

Let's face it. The traditional public school system, with all its pressures and competition, just wasn't meant for everybody.

But what are the options for students who fail to function at a successful level? Until 1976, many frustrated kids just dropped out; however, in April of that year, a new alternative was formed, the New Ulm Alternative School.

New Ulm school board members, educators, and counselors saw a rising need for a special kind of school for a special kind of student. Alternative School Department Head Barbra Halleen explained it in this way: "Some students just needed a place to be, a highly structured

situation that specialized in individual attention."

The Alternative School, located at 121 N. Broadway, is a cheerful, brightly painted place, and is indeed highly structured. Classes begin precisely at 8:30 A.M. and run until 12:40. Each day in each class, students earn points based on attendance, behavior, and class participation. If a student is tardy or absent, he loses the points for that day. Failure to earn the minimum of 366 points in a quarter means no credit will be received for that quarter. Like the senior high, 16½ credits are required for graduation.

Individual attention and working at one's own level and speed are emphasized at the Alternative School. Classes include biology, world history, sewing, math, and geography.

## Decisions result in gifts for NUHS

by John Marti

New Ulm High School has received some nice, expensive gifts this year. Who is the mysterious benefactor? The school board of ISD No. 88 is a surprising answer.

This fall some of the more observant members of the student body have noticed a new, all-weather track, fence, and underground watering system for the athletic fields have been constructed on the school's south side. How did this come about?

First, Superintendent T.R. Olson and athletic director Cliff Anderson cited reasons why a new track was needed. To repair the old cinder track, a significant amount of money would have to be spent. If a new track would be built, its all weather surface could be better utilized. The school board approved the added expenditure of money. "It was the general consensus of the school board that it would be a wise investment for the future to make the investment in a new all-year surface," stated Roger Ryberg, a member of the school board.

"Everything we teach here is practical and can be applied to the outside world. We stress responsibility and understanding," commented Marcia Nagel, one of the school's four teachers.

To be accepted into the alternative school program, a referral is usually made by a senior high school counselor and then goes to Dave Stead for approval. All students in the program have gone through this process except for the "walk in's." "A walk in is a kid who has quit school — he literally walks in off the street. He has to be really geared toward that high school diploma, or we just don't take him," said

The school board let bids in late summer, and the contractor agreed to finish the track this fall.

Another gift the school has received is standard uniforms for the choir. These new outfits include 40 five-piece tuxedos and 100 gowns. The request for new uniforms was brought before the board by Dan Digree, choir director. The school board unanimously approved the expenditure of approximately \$6200 for the uniforms.

The board is also assuring us students that the fine school we attend will be maintained. Our school district is involved in the Planning Evaluation Reporting (PER) program. This program evaluates the school and its programs. Recommendations are made to the school administration. These improvements mainly deal with curriculum, school facilities, and public relations.

This program can result in a continually improving school if the school community cooperates. As Roger Ryberg said, "If PER is attacked and participated in a real positive manner, it has the potential of fulfilling that objective."

Halleen. The minimum age level the program accepts is 16.

All of the students in the school are there for social or academic reasons, or a mixture of these two.

Halleen said; "The kids feel good about being here. It's a good, supportive, family atmosphere. We have great classes and great opportunities, not to mention the smoking lounge and canteen!"

There are 26 students currently enrolled in the alternative school program. Although the school is separated from the senior high building, it is a part of the public school Dist. 88 system.

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Proposition 13 threatens sports

## Senske's Sports Sense



by Eric Senske

Over the past few years, many coaches, athletes, and fans have complained of "cutbacks" in high school athletic programs.

Complaints of this kind have been circulating in high schools all over the country. They were greatly intensified last year with the passing of California's much publicized "Proposition 13." California residents had been demanding property tax relief, and on June 6, 1978, they voted overwhelmingly for this relief.

The state was faced with the problem of cutting expenditures, and some of the biggest cuts came in the funding of public schools. Naturally, the biggest cuts occurred in extra-curricular activities, namely sports. All schools were forced to cut back in travel, equipment, personnel, and other costly areas. Some were forced to drop certain sports programs.

Many people feared that California's forced cutbacks would spread to the rest of the country. However, here at NUHS, few of these cutbacks have actually been witnessed.

Sure our school system has cut back costs in our sports programs; Athletic Director Cliff Anderson prefers to call it "economizing." However, sports budgeting has actually increased sharply

in the last few years due to the addition of girls' athletic programs.

As Anderson puts it, School District No. 88 has merely "asked us to be careful" with how money is spent on athletics. Expenditures for travel and equipment are closely examined and are kept as low as possible.

It seems that the entire South Central Conference is functioning on this same premise. In an attempt to cut travel costs, A, B, and C squads often travel together to out of town conference baseball and basketball games; whereas, in the past, C squads (9th grade) played their own separate schedule and travelled alone. This practice is nothing new for wrestling, whose A, B and C squads have travelled together for many years.

Some area towns have levied stiff cutbacks (or economizations) on their athletic programs. Wabasso, for example, relies solely upon "booster clubs" for support of its athletic teams. Its school district allocates no money for athletic programs. Other school systems, such as Fairmont, several Twin Cities schools, and many others now charge fees to all students who participate in a sport.

So far, none of these cuts has happened in New Ulm, although a fee system has been considered. There is no such thing as a "money making sport" or a sport which "pays for itself." When total expenditures are broken down for each sport, this point is easily illustrated. For example, in the 1978-79 school year, it cost \$95.17 per participant in our NUHS basketball program. Football cost \$91.17 per participant, and baseball cost \$73.82 per participant. Total revenues from ticket sales (excluding student activity tickets) were roughly \$3,400 from basketball, \$4,200 from football, and \$87.50 from baseball.

It is difficult to say what will happen in the future. "Where we're going to be five years down the road is hard to tell," stated Anderson. I for one hope that a better solution than Proposition 13 is found. I think it would be a crime to drop high school sports.

## Few wins gave many thrills

by Todd Tyler

Even though the 1979 NUHS football record was disappointing, the season was full of excitement and thrilling plays.

The team's action-packed play broke 20 school records and 3 state records, two by quarterback Neil Stock and one by tight end Mike Ostrom. It seemed that the magic combination was between Stock and Ostrom. Ostrom caught 60 passes this year which set the new state record. Stock also had other fine receivers such as Jeff Stoll, Pat Herzog, and Eric Wilner. If the play called for a run, Stock would hand off to Brad Bushard, who had 439 yards in 61 carries. The offense averaged 326 yards a game passing and rushing, and their average points per game was 20.5.

The defense also played well. The whole line played with enthusiasm, and Dave Filzen and Steve Hage were one and two in tackles made. Filzen has 76 total tackles and Hage was close behind. The

defensive secondary also did an outstanding job with consistent performances from Dave Traurig, Bryan Stuckey, and Bruce Bushard.

At the annual football banquet the captains for the 1980 season were named. Neil Stock, Dave Filzen, Tim Renner, and Jeff Stoll are the co-captains. Offensive Player of the Year went to Mike Ostrom. The Coach's Award was given to Dave Traurig and the Defensive Player of the Year went to Steve Hage. Brad Bushard got the Most Valuable Player of the Year.

When asked about the season this year Coach Zweifel replied, "We were a young team and the experience we gained this year helped us a lot. Our offense was superb."

Next year looks promising. There are seven starters on the offense and seven on defense who will be back. All together there are 27 lettermen returning to the 1980 NUHS football squad.

Maybe next year will be a winning season for Coach Zweifel and his team.



Junior Skip Radke is one of the few upperclassmen who didn't quit this year's gymnastics team.

## Gymnasts continue vaulting effort

by Lisa Clark

"Gymnastics is a solo sport. You work and if you don't do well, it shows. You have to push yourself and you have to want to be good," commented junior gymnast, Skip Radke.

The 1979 boys' gymnastic squad consists of two juniors, Dave Falk and Skip Radke; one sophomore, Todd Reiter; and four freshmen, Al Bastian, Kevin Fruhwirth, John Hoggatt, and Jon Thompson. Ted Marti and Jack Christianson coach the boys in the six events which are included in this sport. These events are floor exercise, side horse, rings, vaulting, parallel bars, and the high bar.

A lot of effort has been put forth by the team. Their practice has helped the boys individually through experience and

conditioning, but there has been no improvement in the season's record. The team is still winless.

Coaches and team members have tried to keep their spirits up, but this has been difficult in view of the low popularity among fans and prospective team members. A typical opinion was expressed by Radke, "Since the sport was moved from winter to fall, it has had to compete with football and other sports. This has led to fewer fans and fewer people going out for the sport. There will be some new kids next year, but the popularity just isn't there."

However, the outlook for next year is better. All of this year's team will be back to add to the skills and fresh enthusiasm of the new members. Christianson sees "a lot of promise for the future" and feels "the team will be better next year."



Jenny DuChene is one of the underclassmen who will have to fill the shoes of the many departing seniors on this year's tennis team.

## Girls' tennis swings out of season

by Jeff Albrecht

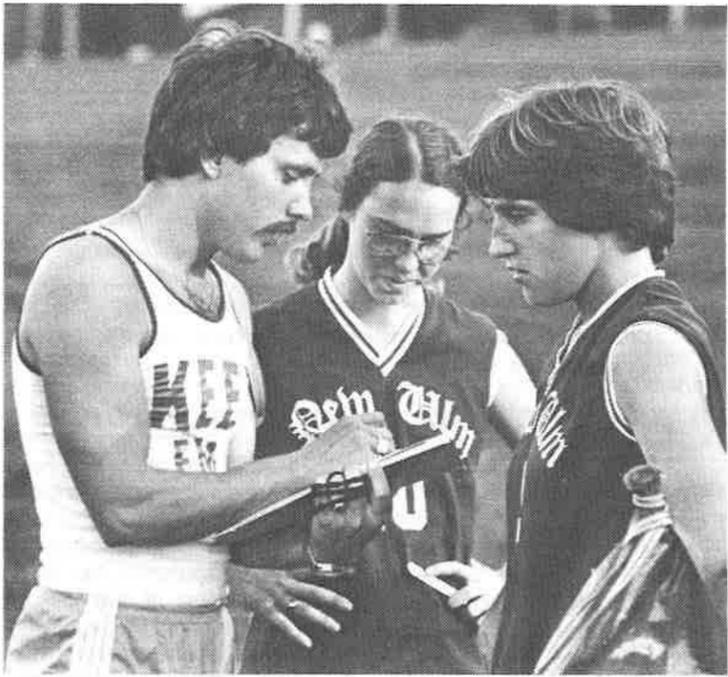
The New Ulm Eagles girls' tennis team ended their season with the best showing ever in the conference meet.

The team had five wins and six losses in dual meet competition during the regular season. Finishing the highest for the Eagles was Sandy Fenske, who placed second in the second singles position. Taking a third place in the conference tournament was the doubles team of Kim Horner and Cindy Herzog. Cathy Hartten took the third singles spot. Also doing well for New Ulm were Connie Johnson and Meg Hudak by taking a fourth place in doubles, and Colleen Berg was fifth in first singles.

In subregion competition the team did not do well, however. Only Berg at first singles and Horner and Herzog at first doubles advanced to the second round. The team did not send any players to regional competition.

This year's tennis team is losing six seniors: Colleen Berg, Sandy Fenske, Kim Horner, Kim Hoggatt, Julie Mielke, and Cathy Hartten. Returning letter winners who will have to fill these vacated positions include junior Connie Johnson and sophomores Jenny DuChene, Meg Hudak, and Cindy Herzog. Compared to this year's team, next year's team will be fairly young and inexperienced.

## Girls' cross country finishes with good time



Girls' cross country coach Dennis Ellingson outlines the course to Carla Windschitl and Kris Bloedel before their race.

by Lorie Mogen

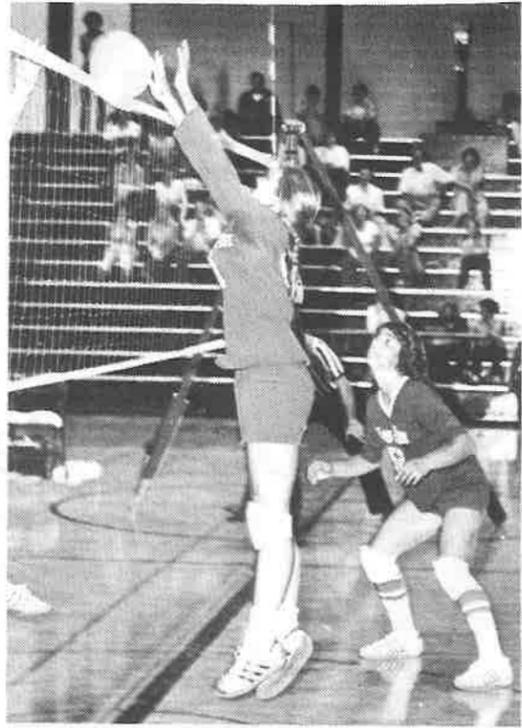
The cross country girls had their end-of-season banquet on November 5, and the important event was the distribution of the awards. Winner of the "Most improved varsity Runner Award" was eighth grader Leigh Ann Thompson. Thompson's teammates selected her for this honor because of her varsity running achievements, her good example during practice and meets, exceptional weekend training, and her continuous improvement throughout the season. Thompson also achieved the fastest running time during the year.

The "Weekend Roadrunner Award" went to seventh grader Linda Hauser, who compiled a total of 76 weekend practice miles. All these miles were beyond required practice distances.

The Highest Award that can be awarded a runner on the team is the "Most Valuable Runner Award." The winner of this im-

portant award was Kris Bloedel. Even though it was Bloedel's first year in Girls' Cross Country, she achieved many honors. She worked at being a good co-captain and holding a number 2 spot on the team. She also ran the second fastest time on the team.

Coach Dennis Ellingson's feelings on the past season were mixed. It was "overall a fairly good season. They were a very fast team but not as successful as they expected." Ellingson also added, "I didn't know exactly what to expect, but the girls really came through and worked hard." An example of a hard working runner was senior Carla Windschitl. She completed her 5th year in cross country and missed only one week of practice this season when she was out because of an injury. Her achievements included New Ulm Invitational Champ, South Central Conference Champ, (two years in a row), 5th place in the region meet, and finished 33rd out of 123 runners in the state meet.



Deb Rolloff is ready for any assistance while Julie Mosenden successfully returns the ball.

## Volleyball improves on local and state levels

by Sue Kunz

Girls' volleyball has made some changes and improvements since it started as a competitive sport at NUHS six years ago.

As the saying goes, "things improve with age," the girls' skills have improved as the program has grown. Coach Lyle Sparrowgrove expressed that this improvement is not only noticeable in New Ulm but also in the team's competition. He felt better volleyball was good because it brought about a more serious attitude and increased competitiveness in the sport. Improved skills have eliminated teams having just one or two good players.

This year showed great improvement in team records. In 1977 and 1978 New Ulm went winless, but this season the girls won seven and lost 10 for the best won-loss record in the last four years. One reason for this improvement is that the girls are now coming to the senior high with more experience after playing in the junior high.

The main change in equipment was the net. By the 1980 season a net with cables

running through the top and bottom is required so that there will be more standardized play. When ropes were used, there were times when the net would sag in the middle, or the tightness would vary from net to net. Using cables will eliminate these problems and make conditions more consistent between different schools.

A change in rules has been made this year involving substitutions. In the past a new player going into the game would have to report to the scorer's table and then to the official. The new rule has the coach wave his arms in a circular motion, and then the player entering and the player leaving stand facing each other as the referee records the change. This new way keeps the game moving and avoids delays.

Coach Sparrowgrove has noticed improvement in officiating, too. Better officiating is necessary because the improved players result in a faster game.

This year's volleyball team has been a part in the overall improvement of girls' volleyball throughout the state.

## Boys' cross country falls short of team goal

by Eric Wilner

Although the New Ulm Cross Country team did not reach their team goal this year, they did have a good year.

The team's goal was to win the South Central Conference championship and make it to the state cross country meet.

During the first part of the season, the three main leaders of the team were sophomore Joel Johansen, senior Randy Hager, and junior Steve Domine. But during the last half of the season, other runners contributed to the team's success. Probably the person who picked the team up the most was Jon Senum, a senior. Senum really came on strong through the latter part of the season. Jon finished first among the Eagles on four occasions and second on two occasions. He also finished 5th for the Eagles in the conference meet.

Another person who has helped the team a great deal is Steve Hofmeister. Hofmeister, Hager, and Senum were the only

seniors on the varsity squad. Hofmeister has finished in second place once and 5th place three times among the Eagles. He also was fifth among Eagle runners at the conference meet.

Todd Tyler, Jim Benson, Jeff Poulson, all juniors, and Dick Schultz, a sophomore, have finished high in all of the meets. For instance, Tyler has finished in 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th place among Eagles in various meets, and he finished 4th at the conference meet among the Eagle runners.

Even though this year's squad has only three seniors, they will be missed next year. Next year Coach Rich Peterson will have to rely heavily on this year's juniors and sophomores.

As expected, the four teams that were supposed to finish high in the South Central Conference did. Blue Earth finished first, New Ulm second, and Waseca third. The Eagles were 5-1 in the final South Central Conference standings.



The pain gripping the faces of Steve Hofmeister, Jon Senum 49, and Joel Johanson 45 show the true determination required by a long distance runner.