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Woman takes over "man's" job

by Kim Hoggatt

New Ulm Senior High School's new assistant principal is a woman, Coby Edmunds!

Originally from Melbourne, Australia, Edmunds moved to the United States two years ago. She taught in Australia, then married and moved with her husband Bob to the U.S. so he could finish his M.S. degree in Microbiology. They settled in Mankato, and Mrs. Edmunds attended Mankato State University and was recently employed by the New Ulm School District as an intern principal.

This is Edmunds' first position in secondary administration so an obvious question is "How does she like it?"

"I love it!" Edmunds replied enthusiastically. She commented that the office procedures are quite different from a classroom situation, especially when it comes to getting to know the students. Only a small per cent of the student body comes in contact with her; however, she does her best to get out and communicate with as many of the students as she can.

Edmunds is New Ulm Senior High School's first woman assistant principal, and her situation is in no way a barrier for her. "It's not a problem for the person in the job; it may be a problem for the people getting used to it." Primarily a dis-

ciplinarian, Edmunds approaches her position professionally. "I want the kids to feel that I care, and I'll be fair and consistent." A goal Edmunds has set for herself and her job is to "work so the school is as good as last year, if not better."

When the new vice principal is not preoccupied with school, she and her husband are foster parents for four mentally handicapped men. Several of her favorite activities are re-decorating, photography, camping, and reading. Traveling is one activity Edmunds genuinely enjoys. She has been to Southeast Asia and throughout Europe. Her future plans consist of completing her certification for secondary administration and perhaps becoming a principal.

The greatest adjustment Edmunds has had to adapt to since coming from Australia is the educational system. In Australia the schools are administered by the Australian government. "I like the school spirit," Edmunds proclaimed referring to NUHS. There is no equivalent amount of school spirit in Australia.

Edmunds also has had to adjust to local expressions, and the climate in the United States. There is one special thing that Edmunds particularly misses about Australia, "Hot Christmas!"



Dave Stead, New Ulm Senior High School's new principal, has his own ideas regarding school needs and programs.



Coby Edmunds, NUHS's first woman principal, loves her new position.

Stead has principal ideas on running a school

by Mike Ostrom

Following former principal Thomas Wilson's surprising summer exodus, assistant principal David Stead was appointed as Wilson's successor. Most students, however, know very little about this "Mysterious Man of the Blue Room" who is now king of Eagleland.

In high school Stead was the typical All-American boy trying to overcome the handicap of growing up in Iowa. At Monticello High School in Monticello, Iowa, he cornered the market on varsity letters. He earned four in football, two in basketball, three in track, and three in baseball and found time to study during halftime and between innings. Besides amassing 12 varsity letters he was also active in student council and was an all-state choir selection for two years in the Hawkeye state. Even then people could see he was not just your average freckle-faced kid. Matter of fact, it was Stead's quarterbacking skills that enabled him to attain a teaching degree from Morningside College in Iowa, where he received a full

four-year scholarship for his "golden arm."

"I received my first teaching job at Rockwell City, Iowa, as an English teacher," stated Stead, "I was also very involved in coaching." He mentioned a name familiar to some New Ulmites. "I coached girls' basketball for three years with Bob Endersbe before he came to New Ulm. I was also assistant football and track coach until 1969 when I accepted a job at Manchester, Iowa." While at Manchester Stead completed his work on a Master's Degree.

"I was now an assistant principal and during the summers I worked on my Master's Degree at the University of Wyoming." Once again at Manchester Stead was involved in athletics. "During my four years at Manchester I was assistant football and track coach, boys' and girls' golf coach, athletic director, and adult education director." He used his spare time to sleep and say "Hi!" to his family every so often. In 1973 he accepted the assistant principal position in New Ulm.

As Stead was about to embark on his seventh year at New Ulm, he was appointed principal for the 1979-80 school year. In explaining his transition to principal Stead stated. "It's somewhat difficult to divorce myself from the disciplinary role of assistant principal. However, I realize I must concentrate my efforts on dealing with teachers and the administrative needs of our school."

Stead explained the advantages of someone within the system becoming principal. "I feel that I know what this school's most pressing needs are, and I know what programs have and have not worked; whereas, a newcomer would have to go through a period of experimentation." Stead has some new ideas he would like to institute that he feels would benefit the school.

These programs range from a la carte meals in the cafeteria to sportsmanship and student speak-out programs. "The la carte program would feature a variety of dishes and salads for the students to choose from with a limit on the amount

a concentrated effort to make NUHS known for their sportsmanship and winning the annual Minnesota State High School League sportsmanship award."

While the first two programs are important, Stead will be quite involved with his third suggestion. "I would like to increase the amount of student-administration communication. I would like to go into a tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grade social class every quarter and talk to the students to see what's on their minds. If anyone ever has any questions, I want to be the first one to hear them."

When Stead isn't involved in administrative activities, he and his wife, Cathy, who teaches Child Care at the Viking Vocational Center, and his two daughters, Tracy 9 and Kelly 6, like to camp. He is also a past president of the Sertoma club and loves to cook claiming he is "king of the cheesecakes."

Stead wants to keep NUHS what he calls the "greatest school in the state" with his new programs. So the next time you have a gripe about school, don't...

editorial

Letter to the editor

Students seem too apathetic

by Kim Schmiesing

As an editor of The Graphos, I was tempted to comment on the arms limitations agreement, but certainly I'm not the only one who has come to the realization that with fall upon us, short sleeves are a bit too scant.

Of course, I'm not serious. However, that totally ignorant statement is only an exaggeration of what is really happening to us NUHS students. We are typical in the sense that we are as apathetic as students everywhere. I'd guess that a majority of our student body doesn't really know what's going on other than who skipped last hour or who's dating whom. And the sad part is that we don't really care. If the morbidity rate were in any way related to our knowledge of current issues and events, we'd become extinct!

Students should know that the SALT II Treaty is neither a midnight snack of potato chips or a direct cause of hypertension. The Summit Conference isn't the neighborhood kids gathering at the top of 10th Street hill. H-bomb is a what, not a who, and Pioneer 11 isn't a group of people just shy



of a dozen who cruised over on the Mayflower.

Sure it's tough for a student to keep abreast of what's happening. Cars don't have have radios anymore; they have tape decks. Have you ever tried to find a cassette of the evening news. Magazines are Hot Rod and Glamour, not Time and Newsweek. Who can watch news at 6 o'clock when Andy Griffith is on? Let's face it, AP and UPI are biting the dust of LP and TV.

Maybe I worry too much, but I don't want to be part of a generation whose motto is "Que sara, sara."

To the Editors:

Many of the "honor" students are extremely upset and disappointed at the "honor" programs.

In general, we believe the programs are not being carried out in the manner that we were led to believe. The major disappointment has come not from the content of the material but from the method of presentation. We were led to believe the "honor" programs would be more in depth. Also, we were led to believe that a major portion of our class time would be devoted to discussion because students of this caliber are supposedly able to handle the extra responsibility involved in group related projects.

The problems and disappointments created by the program should be placed where they belong, on a lack of communication. It has been recently brought to our attention that most members of the faculty were against starting an "honors" program for the 79-80 school year because they were unprepared for the problems that would come with the program. We would have been extremely obliged if we would have been told last spring what we know now.

Not all of the burden lies on the shoulders of the faculty; the students are partially at fault. This past spring when we received information that indicated we could belong to these special classes if we so chose to be, we were overcome with so much excitement that we failed to see the implications involved. Any doubts we may have had about the programs were quickly nullified by the prestigious thought of being labeled "honor" students.

As far as a long term solution is concerned, we can only suggest what should have been done three or four years ago. An evaluating team should be formed with the purpose of going to other schools in the area and looking into their "honor" programs. After that has been done adequately, they would then proceed to set up an "honors" program at NUHS that would be compatible to, or better than, those in the surrounding area.

The above suggestion, if carried out, would take from two to three years to complete. The current situation demands action, now! The "honors" program has a lot of potential, but it must be kept afloat during this period. I feel that since the problems directly involve students, and the solutions that will be reached will directly have an effect on us, we should play a role in the decisions that must be reached. I propose that a special committee, consisting of members of the faculty and student body, be organized to discuss the problems that currently jeopardize the "honor" programs and attempt to find acceptable solutions.

We should have some say in the decisions that affect our future. I urge the students and the faculty to cooperate completely in the important decisions that must be made in the near future.

I have proposed the above ideas because I feel the program will be successful if, and only if, there is an optimistic attitude shown by all parties involved. If this optimism is combined with complete cooperation from all parties involved, it will lead to one of the best "honor" programs in the state.

Respectfully submitted,

David A. Binder

Better attitude is needed



by Colleen Berg

Students have been upset and disappointed about the poor homecoming enthusiasm from the students and faculty. Homecoming should be a special time of year when we can get together with old and new friends. The most enjoyable characteristics of homecoming is participating in the many festivities.

This year the spirit was so low that attendance at the pep fest was required. Apparently the administration and/or student council were concerned that too many students would decide to leave school if attendance were optional.

The cheerleaders deserve credit for trying to keep up student morale. They work hard planning pep fests, making posters, and practicing their cheers. I don't think it would kill us to give them our support. We might even have fun doing it!

Attendance at float meetings and powder-puff football practice was limited. The same few people were at the meetings every night. The class float is exactly what

the name implies, a class float. Therefore, the class should help in its construction. Practice for the powder-puff games didn't go well until the week before homecoming. Prior to that time the teams did not have enough people for both defense and offense.

In 1977 the football team was permitted to ride in the homecoming parade. On that particular day there was a strong, raw wind. That night the team played poorly, and the wind was blamed for their fatigue. From that day the football players have not been permitted to ride in the parade. But homecoming is centered around football and the team. The game, the pep fest, the Homecoming Review, the parade, the floats, the powder-puff football game, and the victory dance need the team's participation.

This lack of participation does not apply to only football. There are plenty of activities. Go get 'em, have fun, and get involved!

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the guidepost

by Jim Zetah, Counselor

Welcome to a new school year! Mary Swenson and I again are pleased to share a monthly message with you through the Guidepost. We will use this column to bring important announcements to your attention, challenge you with some ideas, or ask for your involvement in various projects. This month's sharing will be a variety of things that are important at this time.

Students, establish some goals for yourself! What kind of year do you want it to be? Can your GPA and high school rank be improved? Can you get more involved in the school scene? Can you contribute to school spirit? Is there room for growth in your life? If any or all fit, think about some steps you could follow that would mean positive growth. List some goals. Remember that goal setting involves some basic concepts. Goals must also be reasonable, achievable, believeable, and measurable. It may mean that after a quarter of school you may have to re-evaluate your position and your goal direction. If it is your goal to become more involved in school activities, do it.

New Ulm High School offers a wide range of opportunities. If your goal is to learn more about yourself and others, then

some group activity such as PEER may be the answer. We hope to begin PEER — a student centered helping group — in November. If you want to assist other students who may be having problems coping with class work, volunteer to become a tutor. These are but a few examples of what is available.

We will have a Mankato State counselor intern with us this year. Maureen McCarthy will be here on Thursdays through Christmas and two days a week from January to May 1980. You may schedule appointments with her through our secretary, Mrs. Howard Olson.

Juniors who are considering a college program will have an opportunity to take the PSAT on Saturday, October 27. The cost will be \$3.25. The test period will be from 8:45-11:30. The PSAT will be used by college admissions personnel along with your high school rank to determine your eligibility. Virtually all of the state colleges, public and private, use the PSAT as an admission criterion. Information booklets are available in the guidance office which will further explain the test.

Students, Mary Swenson, Maureen McCarthy, and I are available to assist you. We see our role as counselors to work with students in academix areas, vocational-career planning, and in personal-social conflicts. As you may well imagine, this role could include a wide range of concerns. The important point is that there are people available to work with you.

Nothing to say says a lot



by Phil Vorwerk

Writing a regular column for the Graphos has turned out to be quite a learning experience for this reporter. At our first staff meeting we were told that some of the coaches might want to "proof read" the sports stories or reports on their teams to make sure it fits in with their "Rah, rah, go team, go!" programs. But I don't write sports stories, so I wasn't really prepared for the new secretary of the Chamber of Commerce to be so defensive when I wanted to get some information about the city's glockenspiel now under construction.

Originally, I had planned to do a column criticizing the placement of the glockenspiel. After finding that the school

library was lacking some information I needed, I headed to the Chamber of Commerce Office at Kiesling Park.

I soon found out rule number one for writing a column: if you want to find out anything, don't go to the person in charge of publicizing what you're intending to criticize.

I got to talk to the Chamber of Commerce secretary just before five o'clock. From the direction that my questions were taking, it wasn't hard for her to figure out that my comments would not be very flattering. That's when she asked if the Graphos was on the Chamber mailing list so she could see what I wrote. That didn't bother me too much. Then I was told that there was a complete file, which is open to the public, on the glockenspiel in the cabinet directly behind her, but if I wanted to see it I would have to come back because our meeting had gone past regular office hours.

Since she has been involved in the glockenspiel planning for a short time, she was reluctant to tell me anything that wasn't positive. She referred me to other people, leaving it up to them to determine what information I'd receive. Before I left, however, she said it would be unwise for me to write anything that wasn't totally positive about the glockenspiel (it made me think of "Rah, Rah, go team, go!") because sentiments in New Ulm are still pretty sensitive about the glockenspiel. If I didn't write anything that wasn't complimentary, I would be very unpopular with her and the Chamber members.

So I didn't write anything critical.

Vandalism mars school's reputation



by Ann Forst

Although some students and faculty members could suggest a few additional changes in our school such as central air conditioning or a stereophonic speaker system that plays "The Cars" endlessly, most of us would agree our school provides adequate facilities. But as I stroll down the halls or look at some of the walls, I can see that some people feel the need to leave their own mark on our school.

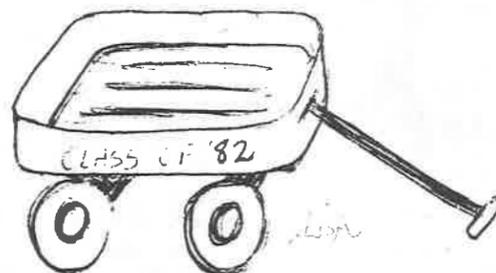
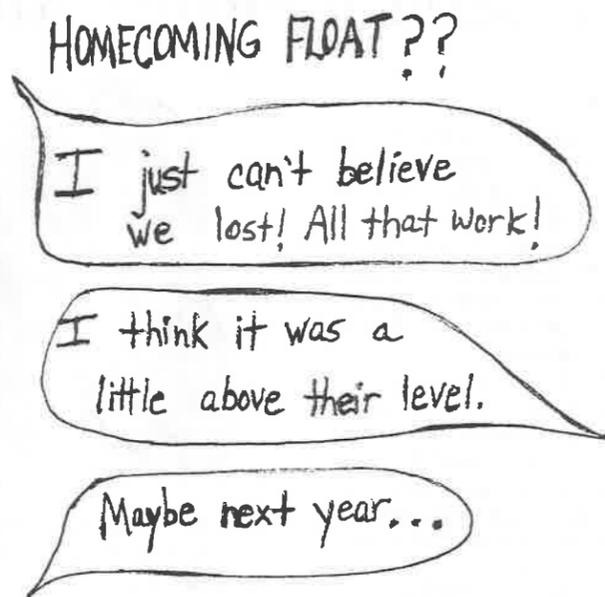
I am referring mainly to the "gossip columns" which occasionally appear in the lavatories, the familiar four letter words written on the hallway walls, and

the senseless vandalism. I don't understand what sense of accomplishment anyone feels from scribbling obscenities and purposely wrecking things. After all, the school is here for our benefit; a school building's purpose is not to be a place where kids are allowed to express personal accusations. I feel everyone who is involved with our school should be liable for his actions. But most of the time all of us are referred to as public high school students; consequently, if someone vandalizes, everyone receives the blame.

So far there has already been some damage to the Senior high building. A Payne Street entrance door had to be repainted because of unremoveable ink marks scribbled on it, and a poster was started on fire in the hallway.

There is a saying that I think is particularly appropriate concerning this situation. "If you are not part of the solution, you're part of the problem." If you see someone writing on his desk and you don't do anything about it, you are indirectly aiding in the problem because you took no action.

Ruining school property might seem clever at the time, but it only costs everyone. It costs the custodians valuable time, it costs our parents money, and finally it causes a loss in respect the community has for us students.



people

BMOC leads the way



This month's BMOC Dave Traurig is a very firm believer in getting involved in school activities.

by John Marti

"Get involved," stated Dave Traurig, this month's BMOC, and that is exactly what he has done.

"To have fun in school you got to be involved; I can't stress it enough." While in school, Traurig has been very busy with various activities that include student council, football, track, weightlifting, and the Graphos. "I'm really going to miss

football and the things school have given me." Meeting new people, trying new things are thoughts that came readily to mind when he thought of the benefits school has given him.

Traurig has been elected to the student council for the past six years. In the ninth grade, he was elected vice-president. This year he is the student council president. His duties include helping set up the various Homecoming Week activities, supervising and helping with Variety Week, and attending to matters that come up before the council. "Student council has let me meet a lot of other people and learn new qualities."

This year, he is a returning letterman in football at defensive back. He is also one of the team's captains. He is involved in the game and is known for his leadership qualities on the field. "I can't wait for Friday night. The team and excitement really get me going."

The fellowship with other people and the enjoyment he derives from track and weightlifting are two of the reasons for his participation in those sports. He also keeps statistics for the hockey team. "I do it because I like to."

Traurig is on the Graphos staff as a feature writer and sports writer. "It has let me meet many people. It's fun getting to know people better."

Plans to attend college are being made although he is not certain where he will go. He plans to major in a business related field and keep up his involvement in activities.



Clara Schonlau's dream is finally being realized as construction on the city's glockenspiel is underway.

Glockenspiel dream comes true

by Mark Hulsey

Her name has been heard and seen in New Ulm and the surrounding area quite frequently lately, but do many people actually know Clara Schonlau?

Schonlau has an abundant supply of admirable characteristics. Outward emotion, ambition, humor, and adventure are only a few of the many qualities possessed by this woman.

A great deal of time and effort has been put forth by her in order for the construction of New Ulm's glockenspiel to begin. She had hoped and dreamed of a glockenspiel in New Ulm for many years in memory of her late husband Ted. Despite all of the problems which were encountered during the planning of the glockenspiel, Schonlau still believes the work and stress endured by many were worth it.

As the steel framework fell into place, and the construction workers applauded during the early stages of construction a few weeks ago, Schonlau stood weeping joyfully as she witnessed her dream commence.

Because of her eager desire for a glockenspiel in New Ulm, Schonlau arranged to study the functioning of the glockenspiel in Munich by taking a first hand look at it.

"Absolutely no one is permitted to see the glockenspiel from inside," the man in charge firmly stated.

"Well, sir, I am planning on constructing a glockenspiel in the United States and am very interested in yours here," Schonlau responded.

Following a little more insistent conversation, Schonlau was permitted to observe the glockenspiel from inside. If not for her similar strong ambitions, the construction of the glockenspiel would not likely be underway today.

Since Schonlau is the primary financial supporter of the glockenspiel, she has tolerated a great deal of criticism and

sarcasm diverted towards the project.

While walking downtown recently, she stopped to observe the glockenspiel's construction from a distance. An older woman stopped beside Schonlau and began speaking to her while they both looked on.

"Now don't you think that is the stupidest, dumbest thing you have ever seen in your life," commented the woman.

"You may be right," Schonlau stated mildly.

"I think it is the biggest waste of money. Why would anyone in..." continued the woman more vehemently.

After the woman had finally concluded with her remarks, Schonlau told her who she was. The stunned woman hesitated and then began apologizing awkwardly.

"I understand what you said, and you have a right to your opinions," Schonlau said in an effort to help the woman recover shock. Schonlau said when she told the lady who she was, "I couldn't help but laugh when I saw that lady's mouth hanging open. She was more astonished than you could believe."

After purchasing a new car for a trip she was going to make a trip to Canada, Schonlau decided to see what her new car could do.

"Hey, Mildred," Schonlau spoke to her traveling friend, "let's see how fast I can get this car going."

"I don't know, Clara. You better be careful," cautioned Mildred.

Well, she was able to get the car up to 80 miles per hour before she gave up. Unfortunately, a highway patrol was over the next hill. Schonlau pleaded with him not to give her a ticket, but he wasn't swayed.

When she appeared in court, the judge let her off with no penalty, but warned her to never do it again, or the consequences would be much different.

Schonlau learned then, that you had better be careful when you live or speak adventurously.

AFS students exchange ideas

by Grace Stabell

How would you like to live in Thailand or in Germany for a school year? Well, our AFS and Rotary Exchange students came from these places to spend their school year in New Ulm. Our new AFS student is Yuvaves (Awe) Prakairat from Thailand, and our new Rotary student is Irmela Ruhdel from Ulm, Germany. Both of these girls have very interesting views on many things. Here are just a few.

Would you believe that one of the major differences between Thailand, Germany, and the United States is the food? In Awe's opinion, the food here is too creamy. You can get fat easily if you don't watch what's eaten. Irmela reports that the food served



Despite Irmela's difficulty in learning the language, she speaks clearly and accurately.

here is very similar to that in Ulm, however, while ours is often pre-packaged, pre-sliced, and pre-cooked, citizens of Ulm usually perform these tasks after buying the food.

The school system here is different from what both girls are used to in their home lands. Awe stated, that the high school in her country consists of only two years of concentrated study. In Ulm, Germany, Irmela would attend 13 years of school before college. Both students reported that there is little opportunity for extracurricular involvement in their home schools.



Awe thinks the food in the U.S. is too creamy.

At NUHS Awe is a member of AFS and the Outdoors' Club. Irmela is enjoying AFS and Choir.

Awe and Irmela both explained how difficult the English language has been to learn and to speak even though both girls have been studying it for many years in their home countries.

Awe said that the style of dress here is very similar to the way teenagers dress in Thailand though the wool sweaters and pants might not be very practical in her

non-snowing winter. Irmela stated that the clothes here are the same as those worn by the kids in Ulm.

Awe will be leaving New Ulm in June and return to Thailand in July. Irmela will be returning home next August. Both are very happy with their new "Mom" and "Dad" who remind them very much of their own parents. Both girls agree that NUHS students are some of the friendliest people they have ever met. They are also some of the most interesting.

Learn all about the new teachers here . . .

by Rachel Meyer

The faculty at New Ulm Senior High School has added six new members to its 1979-80 roster.

Mary Bestul, in her third year of teaching, joins the SLBP department. Before moving to New Ulm, she taught two years at Lakefield, Minnesota.

Bestul was graduated from Augsburg College and received her degree in SLBP from Mankato State University. She is originally from Rosemount and enjoys the friendly small town atmosphere of New Ulm. A few of Bestul's hobbies include sewing, cross country skiing, and music.

A new face in the home economics department is Jill Curry. She replaces Kristine Eckstein as the teacher of Importance of Foods, Creative Foods, and Family Development.

Curry received her B.S. in home economics education from St. Olaf College in Northfield. Her home before coming to New Ulm was Hastings, Minnesota. Curry's husband Dave, another St. Olaf grad, has been teaching at Washington Elementary School for two years.

She commented about NUHS and its students: "Everyone's been very nice and the school has a friendly atmosphere." She enjoys "cooking, sewing, and just about everything involved in home ec."

Sally Horner, a native of North Dakota, is teaching Geometry and Business Math at NUHS this year. She has taught five years prior to her coming to New Ulm. Two years were spent teaching at Manitowoc, Wisconsin, two years at Bismark, North Dakota, and one year in an American high school in Germany. Of the experience in Germany she said,



Six have been added to the NUHS teachers faculty. They are from left to right Mary Bestul, Jim Pickus, Jill Curry, Peter Niegabauer, Sally Horner, and Kevin Rollins.

"There is a lot of movement in those schools because the students and teachers are transferred frequently."

Horner likes teaching at NUHS so far and commented that the students seem well disciplined. She has two daughters, ages one and four years old. She enjoys

tennis, is beginning golf, and belongs to a bowling league.

Peter Niegabauer comes to us from Mazeppa, Minnesota. He taught agriculture there for one year. A graduate of the University of Minnesota, Niegabauer teaches sophomore ag. and

junior and senior ag. mechanics.

He likes the rural community of New Ulm and is originally from Owatonna.

Niegabauer is pleased with NUHS and is having fun teaching. He enjoys being involved with "one of the best FFA chapters in the state." Niegabauer used to wrestle in high school and enjoys playing softball.

New to the industrial arts department is Jim Pickus. After one year at the Junior High in New Ulm, he is teaching Power Mechanics 1 and 2 at the Senior High.

Pickus is originally from Minneapolis and was graduated from Mankato State University. He feels that NUHS has some "really decent kids." He is a previous drag racer, scuba diver, and enjoys hunting, softball, and football.

Kevin Rollins is another addition to the agriculture department. He teaches Farm Management, Crops and Livestock, and Farm Machinery. This year is his third teaching after spending two years at Foley High School.

He attended the University of Minnesota and was graduated from Mankato State. Rollins is familiar with New Ulm because he is from Lake Crystal and graduated from Lake Crystal High School in 1973.

He thinks New Ulm High School is a nice place to teach and observes that the students generally are intelligent. "New Ulm has a lot going on for a town this size and is nice and clean." Fishing, hunting, skiing, and reading are some of Rollins' favorite pastimes.

This completes NUHS's list of new teachers. All are enthusiastic about teaching at New Ulm High School and living in New Ulm.

Retired New Ulm man works hard for United Way



Erv Seifert spends a great deal of time and effort organizing the United Way's yearly fund drive which benefits 28 local, state, and national agencies.

by Liz Metzen

Speaking with Erv Seifert, executive director of the United Way in New Ulm, turned out to be quite a learning experience for this reporter.

Seifert grew up in Redwood Falls where he attended high school. Upon graduation he attended the Minnesota Business College for two years studying banking and finance. He became a merchant and lived in Minneapolis, Chicago, and areas of Ohio, Illinois, and Wisconsin. He then moved to Marshall, Minnesota, and went into business for himself. After 27 years in Marshall, he moved to New Ulm and became the business manager at Dr. Martin Luther College. He is now "retired" to devoting most of his time to the United Way and is currently the executive secretary of the Rotary Club.

Seifert became involved in the United Way by serving on its board of directors. The executive director at that time died, and he was asked to take his place. Seifert has served in that position for almost seven years.

There are twenty-six board members in the United Way which serve on five committees. They are budget, communications, telethon, campaign, and the research committees. Part of Seifert's job is to prepare the agenda for the monthly board meetings. He also prepares an annual report.

Seifert pointed out several ways in which the United Way helps the youth in our

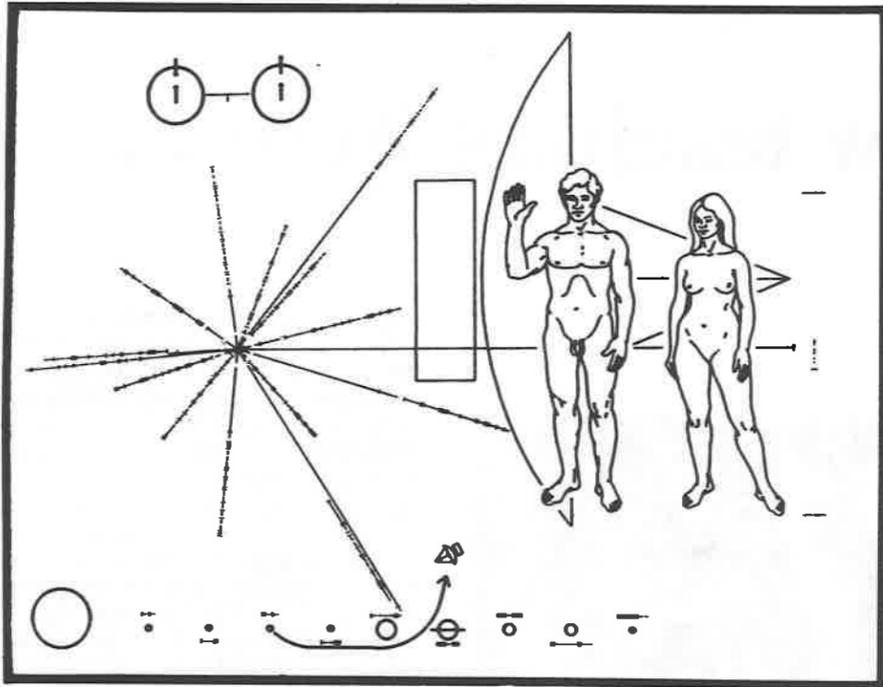
community. It provides money for Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, Brothers & Sisters, the school patrol, and Turner Hall's gym program.

In the twenty-two years the United Way has been in existence, it has never failed to meet the amounts pledged to all twenty-eight of the agencies it supports. Its major method of raising money is the yearly fund raising campaign which had its kick-off day on September 10. It will run for approximately six weeks. As you may have noticed on the "thermometer" outside the Citizens State Bank, the goal for this year is \$85,265.

Part of this campaign is the telethon which will be held on October 11 from 5:00 to 10:30 in the NUHS gymnasium. Many high school students will be involved in this conclusion to the year's fund raising activities.

Seifert remarked that "as a businessman, I wasn't interested in what activities the charities were involved with. But being on this side of the fence, I am able to see what these agencies really do for people."

He says he has never known such wonderful people, especially all the volunteers who make up the United Way. "I've never found a town where people are so willingly involved in an organization such as this. It gave me a feeling of wanting to do more and to be one of the 'people helping people.'"



This plaque upon Pioneer 11 represents some vital information concerning the level of life on Earth. It is just one of man's attempts to communicate with other forms of intelligent life in the universe.

Pioneer 11 concludes mission - continues journey

by George Hudak

The two billion mile, six year mission of Pioneer 11 is near its end. This space mission has discovered many facts in its search for life on the other planets of the solar system.

Although Pioneer's delicate instruments have found no traces of life on Saturn, they did discover that Saturn is made up mostly of gases, especially hydrogen and helium. The only solid materials are located in the center of the planet. The composition of Saturn's famous several rings was found to be small, rocky debris, and ice crystals.

Titan, Saturn's largest moon, was also studied by Pioneer 11. It is believed that Titan's present climate is similar to Earth's four billion years ago. Many scientists feel that the moon may have supported life then because its atmosphere contains amino acids, the building blocks responsible for life on Earth. It is not really known if any forms of life did exist, but it is known that Titan doesn't support any life at the present. The Voyager spacecrafts will study Titan again in 1980 and 1981.

Through its long and dangerous journey through space, the Pioneer spacecraft has lost several pieces of equipment. Shortly after liftoff from Cape Kennedy in 1973, the main radio transmitter lost power.

Low test scores analyzed

by Jane Hagedon

Is the quality of our nation's high school educational systems deteriorating? The scores of college entrance exams such as the PSAT, the SAT and the ACT indicate a decline in the academic ability of the average American high school student.

Standard college exam scores have dropped approximately four percent in the last 15 years. Although this drop is not a dramatic one, it seems to be causing some serious concern.

Richard LaPatka, social studies teacher at New Ulm High School, had this to say. "I think that we need to look at what the dropping scores imply. Is this an indication that the achievement level of our nation's students is going down? If it is, it deserves some serious attention. Perhaps we need more concept teaching to prepare students for these types of tests."

Counselor Jim Zetah had another opinion. "I don't think the drop in college entrance exam scores is a significant change. I attribute the drop to the fact that these days, kids are watching TV instead

Luckily, the backup transmitter has continued to work for the last six years. The asteroid-meteor detector had to be taken off the craft to remedy a problem with one of the craft's nuclear generators. It also lost one of its stabilizers which causes Pioneer to spin at a faster than normal rate. One of the directors of the mission stated that even though Pioneer has lost some vital equipment, it will continue on its journey into the depths of space.

Probably the most important piece of equipment on Pioneer 11 has gone through space nearly unscathed. This piece is the six inch high, nine inch long gold plaque located on the side of the spacecraft. On the plaque are drawings of two humans, the symbol for hydrogen (the most abundant element in the universe), and a model of the solar system which traces the origin and journey of Pioneer.

The main reason for the plaque's importance is that it is an attempt to communicate with any other beings in the universe. Scientists hope that the spacecraft will be found by intelligent life somewhere in space. If these beings — if there are any — can understand the symbols on the plaque, communication between humans and other forms of life in outer space may become a reality instead of a hope.

of doing homework. They are working more, and many are living in one parent homes that are unable to give supervision and encouragement in getting homework done. Also, many kids who do poorly on one exam, like the PSAT, take the SAT and try to get a better score. Therefore, this duplication causes the overall average scores of the tests to decline."

Locally, college entrance exam scores have dropped only about one percent. This slight decline is attributed to New Ulm's consistent academic standards and the maintenance of a traditional high school program, which did not allow many students a lot of unstructured school time.

There are other developments in education, however, that may be more important than lower test scores. Although the cost of a college education has risen, college entrance requirements have gone down. With declining entrance exam scores coupled with declining enrollment, colleges are becoming increasingly lenient in their acceptance of students who formerly would not have been admitted.

Gifts for recreation bestowed upon city

by Dave Traurig

Believe it or not Santa Claus made a summer visit to New Ulm.

During one summer the District 88 school board gave the go ahead on a new all weather track for New Ulm Senior High. The city voters also approved the Family Recreation Center, and the new indoor swimming pool is nearing completion.

Thirteen years ago when the old cinder track was built, the school board had considered an all weather track. But at that time all weather surfaces were not perfected, and it seemed to be an unnecessary expense. Now the future has arrived. The smooth rubber surface helps prevent injuries and improves a runner's speed.

Starting this year the Minnesota High School League has recommended that all league schools convert existing tracks to a 400 meter facility. Most tracks are 440 yards long, 12 feet longer than the 400 meter track.

Athletic director Cliff Anderson saw two major problems with the original track surface. "First, the cinders on the track were getting bad, and they are expensive and hard to find. Second, in shortening the old track the cost would be much higher than a new one."

The school board planned for the future, however, because they approved in 1966 a base for an all weather track. That future

planning has saved some money for the school district now. The estimated cost of the track is \$68,000. A fence will be constructed around the track adding \$9,000 to the tab. Also contained in the package is a new automatic sprinkling system extending from the tennis courts to the school building. The cost of the underground watering system is \$24,000 so the total expenditure for the new complex will be slightly over \$100,000.

In May 1977 the voters of New Ulm approved a bond issue for an indoor swimming pool located on South Garden and Center Street. The Z-shaped pool is nearing completion and should be open before Christmas. The original figure of the bond issue was \$1.25 million, but the added features will bring the cost to around 1.45 million dollars.

In order to get a Family Recreation Center, New Ulm had to stage a Rocky vs. Apollo Creed type fight. The idea of a recreation center arena has been talked about for several years. On July 12, 1979, New Ulm voters ended the 15 round fight by approving the use of federal revenue sharing funds for a rec center.

The first step in building the multi-purpose building is now in progress. On October 11 bids will be opened by the city council for site and foundation work. Construction is planned to begin this fall on footings and foundation. If all goes well, regular construction should begin early next spring.

NUHS student is Merit Scholarship semi-finalist



Bonnie Windschitl's high test scores may possibly get her a National Merit Scholarship.

by Bonnie Flaig

Bonnie Windschitl's senior year at NUHS is bound to be filled with anticipation because there is the possibility of her receiving some news that would greatly affect her future.

She was recently notified that her score on the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) enabled her to compete as a semi-finalist for a National Merit Scholarship.

Since being informed of this honor about a month ago, Windschitl and some of her teachers have filled out applications concerned with her interests. These applications, along with her Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) score, will be used to continue her evaluation as a potential finalist.

Windschitl will be taking the SAT on November 3 and expects to hear soon afterwards whether or not she is one of 15,000 finalists in the nation.

She has been told that 90 percent of the semi-finalists become finalists so she feels that her chances of advancing are good. If she becomes a finalist, Windschitl may be chosen as one of the 4,300 students who receive National Merit Scholarships.

At NUHS Windschitl has been active in drama club and choir. She also plays piano and enjoys participating in 4H.

She doesn't have one favorite class in school but lists Music Communications as a class that she finds particularly interesting.

About becoming a finalist, Windschitl says she is very excited and feels it may be a really good opportunity to receive the aid necessary for her to get a college education.

Her future plans include attending the College of St. Catherine where she will pursue studies in elementary education.

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Passing offense makes points for football team

by Todd Tyler

The NUHS football team is a good looking offensive unit this year. Neil Stock at quarterback is having a fine passing game and much of his success is due to the blocking of the offensive line. The offensive line consists of Steve Hage and Dave Filzen at the tackle spots, Kevin Palmer and Tim Renner at right and left guard, and Steve Anderson at center.

Coach Stan Zweifel feels that the offensive line is doing a fine job and should get just as much credit for the passing game as Stock. The offensive line has the responsibility of opening holes for the run as well as protecting the passer. Eliminating many of the holding penalties is a major goal of this year's offensive linemen.

Senior tackle Steve Hage is the biggest and probably the strongest man on the line. What Hage lacks in quickness he gains in strength. He has the ability to open holes for the run and is a good blocker.

The other offensive tackle is Dave Filzen. He is gaining a lot of experience in a hurry because it is his first year as a starter. Filzen plays with all the determination he has and is always encouraging

his teammates to do better. "We can break a big play anytime, if we just give Neil enough time."

Kevin Palmer is the right guard and one of the team captains. His performance on the field shows that Palmer is taking his role as captain seriously. He thinks that the line is doing a good job of pass blocking, and that this year could still be a good one.

Tim Renner is the other guard and, like the other guys, does a good job of pass blocking. Besides playing on the offensive line, Renner also does the punting. He thinks that the line could block for the run if it were needed.

Steve Anderson is the center and has been snapping the ball well. He and Stock have teamed up for two years in a row. They have turned out to be a good combination. Stock said Anderson "is a good experienced center and a great blocker on the quarterback sneak."

The whole line is still trying to have a good season by leading the offense in the right direction. One of the linemen summed up their attitude best by saying, "We may be small, but we're going to be pretty good before this season is over."

Enthusiastic seniors add to team spirit



Connie Johnson's follow through looks pretty good while playing doubles in a tennis match held recently at the high school courts.

by Jeff Albrecht

The Eagles girls' tennis team is backed by a large and enthusiastic squad of seniors this year.

"We seem to have more spirit than we did last year," claims senior Kim Hoggatt.

Leading the team and alternating between first and second singles are Colleen Berg and Sandy Fenske. Berg and Fenske have played varsity doubles together since their freshman year. Berg, however, switched to playing singles her junior year to help fill the holes left by graduating players from the previous year. Fenske continued playing doubles with a new partner and did not begin playing singles

until this year. Alternating at the third singles position are Cathy Hartten and Kim Hoggatt.

Playing first doubles are Kim Horner and sophomore Cindy Herzog. The second doubles position is being filled by either Vicki O'Mally and Julie Mielke or junior Connie Johnson and sophomores Jenny DuChene.

"We only graduated two seniors last year so the team has the depth we need," says Fenske. "Most of the team has played varsity competition before, so we have experience. We should have a pretty good season."



Randy Hager 38 and Shaun Drill 20 discuss strategy with coach Rich Peterson prior to a cross country meet at the high school course.

Leadership roles place in boys' cross country

by Eric Wilmer

In boys' cross country one of the most important roles in having a winning team is leadership. The Eagle cross country runners have many leaders, but the three that stand out the most are Joel Johansen, Randy Hager, and Steve Domine.

Johansen is only a sophomore and has come in first among the Eagles in the three meets held at the time of this writing. He should help the Eagles quite a bit in the next two years.

Hager is usually right up there with Johansen among the first place finishers. He is one of the three seniors on the team and has run on the varsity since his sophomore year.

Domine, a junior, is also finishing high for the Eagle runners and is coming on strong. He has run on the varsity since he was a sophomore.

These three leaders help the other runners if they aren't running as well as

usual. They also keep up the team enthusiasm.

The other members of the cross country team are seniors Jon Senum and Steve Hofmeister, juniors Jeff Poulson, Jim Benson, and Todd Tyler, and sophomore Dick Schultz.

Coach Rich Pederson thinks that it is too early to tell, but he hopes the younger people will come on strong and help the team improve their placements in the remaining meets.

The toughest teams in the South Central Conference this year will be Blue Earth, the defending SCC champions, Waseca, who was runner-up to Blue Earth last year, Fairmont, and New Ulm.

The Eagles' team goal is to win the SCC title and to make it to the state competition. New Ulm has made it to the state cross country meet six out of the last ten years.

Boys' gymnastics popularity dismounts

by Lisa Clark

For at least the past four years the number of participants in boys' gymnastics has been steadily declining. However, this year has shown the most dramatic drop in number. The 1979 boys' gymnastics squad consists of three senior high boys and five boys from the junior high. This turnout is only half the number of gymnasts who competed last year.

There doesn't seem to be a specific reason for this disinterest. One factor may be the amount of skill and training required in the sport. Hours of practice time are necessary to perfect a routine and the gymnast must have a great deal of dedication.

Another reason may be the change of season. Four years ago boys' gymnastics was moved from the winter sports

schedule to the fall season. This change was the result of a law named Title 9, which required that there must be an equal number of girls' and boys' sports in each season. To accomplish this equalization, some sports were switched to other seasons. Jack Christianson, assistant coach, said that in his opinion the move from winter to fall is "killing the sport."

The lack of participation has left the team members feeling a little hopeless. They have a lot of company though as New Ulm isn't the only town with this problem. Many high schools throughout the state have noticed the same decline in interest.

Cliff Anderson, athletic director, said he was still scheduling meets for next year, but only time and continued interest in the sport will determine its future existence at NUHS.



Terri Brudelic sets while Patti Wieland 54 and Mary Moriarty 44 are ready to help if needed.

Volleyball scores some victories

by Sue Kunz

It's not whether you win or lose, but how you play the game. True, but in the case of this year's girls' volleyball team, winning somewhat affects how they play the game.

Last year's volleyball team went through the whole season with no victories, but this year's team has won a few, and it has created a whole new spirit and attitude.

Julie Mosenden noticed that "we have a much better attitude toward teamwork going this year." Other players agree with Mosenden's comment. They are playing as a team and there isn't the individualism that was present in the past. This change is partly to the fact that there's a smaller number of players this year so they don't

have to worry so much about being able to play.

Winning has also affected practices. Everyone is looking at them with a more positive and serious attitude. They go to practice with the idea of getting some work accomplished in each session.

Another change this year is the girls getting much more help from coach Lyle Sparrowgrove. In the past he had to share his time between the varsity and B-squad, but this year Mrs. Kathy Goodrich is working with the B-squad. Her assistance gives Sparrowgrove the chance to work with more individuals.

The girls feel this year's competition is stronger than last years, but their new attitude and increased enthusiasm have helped them improve.

Girls hope for a successful season

by Lorie Mogen

The girls' cross country team has only two senior high girls participating, Kris Bloedel and Carla Windschitl. Both, however, are doing great and hope that they and the rest of the squad will have a successful season.

Bloedel is the newest face on the squad; it's her first year. So far her hard work and dedication have paid off because she now holds this season's second best time. Bloedel likes to run because "Running keeps me in shape and gives me the self confidence I need to compete well." She encourages more girls to try cross country. "It's a lot of fun."

The other senior on the team is Carla Windschitl. She is competing in her fifth year of cross country and is still going strong. Windschitl has two conference championships behind her and is working hard to win her third. When asked why she runs four to seven miles a day, she simply replied, "I don't think about it; I just run because I know I have to improve my time."

She feels the team is improving steadily because they are pack running. Every runner tries to keep up with each other in practice. If New Ulm can get the lead and the others can run in a pack during a meet, the team could then sweep the race.

The rest of the varsity girls on this season's team are Krista Bloedel, Leigh Ann Thompson, Lisa Block, Kay Schaefer, and Linda Hauser.

Coach Dennis Ellingson realizes that most of the team is young, but he feels with a little hard work this team can be a big success. "Competitive running is like anything else," Ellingson stated, "you have to put time and work into it." He feels that is just what the girls are doing. "No one skips practice or doesn't run the mileage. Everyone is working their very hardest and improving steadily." Coach Ellingson feels Windschitl has a terrific chance to take the conference championship this year although there is some tough competition. He also feels Bloedel is doing "just great for her first year out. Her times are improving rapidly."

Besides competitive running, the cross country girls get together for some leisurely fun once in a while. Activities such as picnics, swim parties, and games are often on the girls' agenda. One such game occurs on Monday nights when the girls see which one can jump and touch the ceiling in the hall. The winner gets a free banana split from Ellingson.

The Girls' Cross Country Team scores at the meets so far this season have not been as impressive as they should be says Ellington, "but we're hopeful." The girls won their first meet at Redwood 20 to 37. In the second meet they ended up seventh in ten teams, but the race went well against Wells. On September 24 the gals competed against St. Peter and Fairmont. The results of that meet will give a pretty good indication of the kind of season the girls will have.

Review of New Ulm aerial circus

Senske's Sport Sense



by Eric Senske

A sign in the New Ulm boys' locker room reads: "The New Ulm Aerial Circus — Greatest Show in the South Central."

This sign, of course, refers to the Eagle football team, and is not at all inaccurate. Football fans who have attended any games this year certainly have seen a different kind of team than in the past. The 1979 squad is an exciting, explosive team whose forte is throwing the football. In contrast, the 1978 Eagles were a team which depended heavily, although not exclusively, on its running game. The '78 squad averaged 35 rushes per game; this year's squad is averaging only about 15.

Most of this year's excitement has been created by quarterback Neil Stock. Although only a junior, Stock has set many NUHS passing records, and will likely own them all by the time he graduates. Head football coach Stan Zweifel said, "Neil, in my opinion, is the best passer in the state." I must agree.

In the first four games of this season, Neil piled up statistics that Tommy Kramer would be proud of. In those games Stock threw 159 passes, completing 90 of them (breaking the school record of 83 which he set as a sophomore) for a total of 999 yards and 9 touchdowns, and had a completion rate of 57 percent. Coupled with 887 yards passing last year, he has already broken the school record for career yardage passing. He also has an excellent chance of setting the state record for passing yardage.

Stock was named WCCO State Offensive Player of the week for his performance against St. Peter in the Eagles' third game of the season. In the course of that game, Neil completed 27 of 47 passes for 361 yards and 3 touchdowns, and nearly led the Eagles to an upset of the highly touted Saints.

Even after his excellent performances, Stock was not satisfied because each of those first four games resulted in defeat. "I look in the paper and see the same thing: 'New Ulm Falls Short,'" he sighs. "It's sickening."

By this time all of New Ulm's opponents know that the Eagles are going to put the ball in the air. This, however, puts considerable pressure on Stock, and at times it seems that the team's success depends upon his performance. "Every game I feel like I screwed up somewhere along the line."

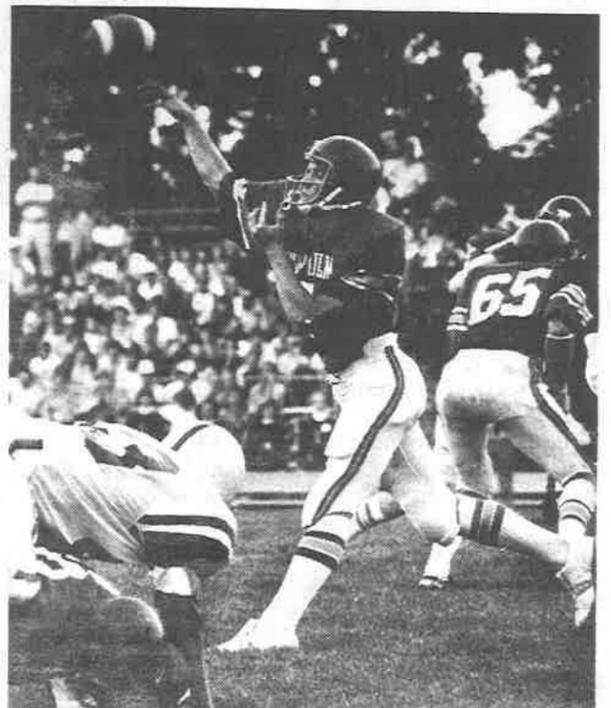
The defeats, however, were hardly the fault of Stock. The Eagle defense was ineffective in each of the first four games, and no running game has been established to complement Stock's excellent throwing. Thus opposing teams can sit back and wait for New Ulm to throw the ball.

Stock is quick to pass the credit for his success to other players. The offensive line performed very well in the first four games, allowing Stock to be sacked just 4 times. The Eagles also have the best receiving corps in the area. Pat Herzog and Mike Ostrom are on their way to breaking the school reception record set by Tom Steinbach a year ago. Herzog caught 30 passes in the first four games (including 13 against Mankato East), and, according to Stock, "Throw it anywhere

and he'll catch it." Ostrom seemed to be Stock's favorite target near the goal line, catching 28 passes for 5 touchdowns in those games. "He's the best (tight end) around," said Stock of Ostrom.

So while the first part of the Eagle season was disappointing, it was nonetheless exciting.

Look for the rest of the season to be just as exciting and — with some defense to back Stock & Company — maybe more successful from a team point of view.



Eagle quarterback, Neil Stock, has already set several New Ulm High School passing records even though he is still a junior.