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This National Guard unit spends two weeks every year training in a war time atmosphere at Camp Ripley. Similar military experiences are likely for more NUHS graduates if the draft is restored. (Pictures provided by the 1st Battalion of the 125th Field Artillery.)

Students enlist in draft conversation

by Kim Schmiesing

As the saying goes, "Uncle Sam wants you." Soon young people may again be expected to register for the draft which will affect the lives of many students at NUHS.

Since President Carter first spoke of draft registration for both men and women, it has been a subject of conversation and controversy. Instead of talking about the upcoming weekend's events during a break in the Senior Lounge, the prospective draftees have been talking about their ideas on various aspects of the draft.

How do students feel about the draft? As expected, feelings are mixed, and some students agreed to share their feelings with this Graphos reporter.

On the idea of being drafted, most agreed that they'd rather not be one of the chosen. One student made the succinct

statement, "I ain't going." This reaction brings to mind the attitude a previous generation of young people had during the Viet Nam War. That rejection, however, wasn't the overall reaction toward the draft when some NUHS students were asked about their feelings.

Mike Ostrom made the comment that "If America is being threatened by overseas aggressors it (military service) is the obligation of every American." Onda Salvati also showed a willingness to fight. "Patriotism is fine if it's for (protection of) democracy," but she showed disapproval of the current cause by adding, "but I'm not going to fight over oil." Another student agreed with Salvati. She'd rather see gas rationing than fighting.

Contrasting ideas were expressed by students about the draft and its implications on their future. One student called it "a waste of time" while others thought it was "required" and worth the sacrifices that might be made.



Another idea about the draft involved how students felt about women being drafted. Jeff Albrecht didn't think women should be drafted, "but if they make such a big stink about women's lib — they should." Kim Horner said that "we should live up to women's lib."

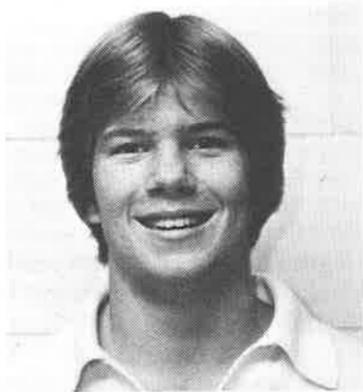
The passing of the ERA seemed to make a difference to prospective female draftees. Many thought that if there is no ERA they should not be drafted, but if the ERA would be passed, then women should "do their part too."

But what should women do? Jane Hagedon thought women should have to serve but not in combat. Lisa Peterson agreed by saying, "I think it's only fair for women to be drafted too, but they couldn't be required to do the same things physically as men." Others thought the stress involved with actual combat would be too much for women to handle. Others expressed the hope that they would not be the one on the front.

On a lighter note regarding women in the draft, one boy commented, "It would sure make it a lot more exciting!"

editorial

Good times remedy spring fever



by Mark Hulsey

Note: I wrote this editorial in a loose fashion, and, yes, I did do it intentionally. The reader needs a relief from all those big words, and so do I!

Spring is a good time of the year for us to explore all the avenues that are open for enjoyment.

Now is the time to get outside with our friends and have fun. Play football, go fishing and hunting, or just sit outside and shoot the bull.

Friends can get together at night, build a bonfire, and have a good party. We must realize, that if we don't do these things while we can, pretty soon there will not be the opportunity to get everyone together. Each person will have gone his own way, and we have just wasted all those times when

we could have been together and shared a laugh or a pleasant memory.

For some it may now be the time to get outside and merely think. Take a walk in the woods and organize all those thoughts that have cluttered up their heads the past winter. Many will come away feeling refreshed and happy with their life.

Don't use the excuse "But there is no time for these things!"

That's nonsense. If our schedule is that demanding on our time, then we should make some adjustments.

As we know, there is a time for work and a time for play. This is essential for a happy life. We know that "All work and no play makes Johnny one sad dude." Well, it's something like that.

Carry these "get togethers" into the summer months too. There is no need for us to work every day and do the same thing with the same people every night. The possibilities for activities in the summer are endless. Try something new. We'll find life is not so rough when we get together and have a good time.

We are still young which allows us to do more things than the older folks. Who knows, if the faculty would take some of this advice, they would probably be crabby only four out of the five days in the week.

AAUW pursues professional and financial goals

by Kim Hoggatt

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) is an organization that gives recognition to women with degrees from accredited colleges.

The main function of the AAUW is fundraising for fellowships. The funds are given as fellowships to women who are in college to get advanced degrees. A book sale and a tour of homes in the Twin Cities area are two fund raisers that alternate every other year. The AAUW also sponsored a type of film festival for children at the New Ulm Theater. They also participate in Heritagefest activities.

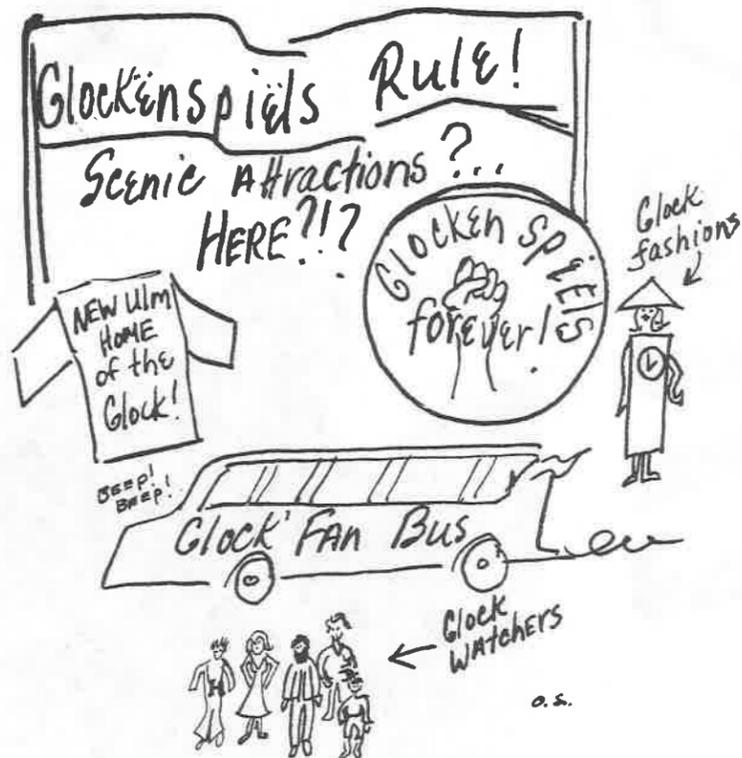
One of the main fundraisers this year was Project Awareness. This was the third year for the career program for young women in the area. This year 120 young

women attended Project Awareness to discuss their future plans or obtain information in the areas in which they are interested. There were speakers on such topics as future careers, self-protection, and auto repairs.

AAUW members meet once a month to discuss and study topics. The topics are chosen at a national convention that is held every two years. Resources for tomorrow and the family: its agents of change are two of the present topics.

The AAUW also examines present issues. As an organization made up of educated women, the AAUW expresses opinions on public issues.

The AAUW has taken a freedom of choice stand on abortion. It is presently acquiring a lobbyist to extend the time for approval of the Equal Rights Amendment.



Students possessed by materialistic motives



by Colleen Berg

Why are a growing segment of high school age people employed? Because this is a materialistic world and people are often judged by their possessions and monetary achievements.

As I walk down the halls, I see students dressed stylishly. While daydreaming in class, I look out the window and see hundreds of cars in the parking lot. I can't help but wonder how many of those cars are owned by students.

We are brought up to believe that the more belongings we have the more accepted we will be. I am not saying this attitude is our parents' fault, but this is society's attitude. Plus it is only normal to want something that we think will make us happy.

Some people feel teens are too materialistic, but most of us work for our belongings. Who buys the car, clothing, and the other luxury items? Sometimes Mom and Dad buy them, but most of the time they don't. In order to get the item, we get a job. The stereo at the music store is attractive, but one paycheck isn't going to buy the stereo so we learn to budget our money to make the payments.

Another reason students are working is that they are planning for their future. For

some of us the future is coming up quickly. Some future goals include more education, marriage, or an apartment. I think if someone pays for something with their own money, he will take better care of his possessions.

It isn't right when kids get everything they ask for. If everything is given to them, they will not want to get a job because it is not needed. I remember my parents made me get a job corn detasseling when I was 13. During the season I went everyday for three years. I hated it, but I benefitted from the experience and am grateful my parents were firm with me.

Imagine traveling around the world and enjoying the excitement. To have these experiences we must have large sums of money, and people who have these advantages are not always happy. They fail to see the simple and wonderful things in life. Some of the rich abandon their belongings to start over and live off the land to fulfill their quest for happiness.

Some of the best things in life are free. Money is essential for everyday living but take some time out to look at some of the beautiful things around.

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the guidepost

by Jim Zetah, Counselor

There has been much attention given to chemical use problems by New Ulm's young people. Statistics are being voiced with alarming numbers. The impression is being given that our youth are very irresponsible, and it is a very small minority which is attempting to go straight. I am sure many of you have taken issue with the above statement.

The Citizens Concerned About Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse group views chemical use as a community-wide problem. This attitude includes people of all walks of life, all life styles, and especially, of all ages. Just as there is a concern about the young person who is affected by a chemical use problem, there is an equal concern about a person of your parents' age who also may have a problem. Perhaps this person should be of the greatest concern because he is serving as a role model for the younger members of our community.

I feel the following poem may help illustrate the point:

WHO IS TO BLAME?

WE READ IN THE PAPERS AND
HEAR ON THE AIR
OF KILLING AND STEALING AND
CRIME EVERYWHERE.
WE SIGH AND SAY AS WE NOTICE
THE TREND,
"THIS YOUNG GENERATION....
WHERE WILL IT END?"

BUT CAN WE BE SURE THAT IT'S
THEIR FAULT ALONE?
ARE WE LESS GUILTY WHO PLACE
IN THEIR WAY
TOO MANY THINGS THAT LEAD
THEM ASTRAY?

TOO MUCH MONEY, TOO MUCH
IDLE TIME;
TOO MANY MOVIES OF PASSION
AND CRIME.
TOO MANY BOOKS NOT FIT TO BE
READ;
TOO MUCH EVIL IN WHAT THEY
HEAR SAID,
TOO MANY CHILDREN EN-
COURAGED TO ROAM:
TOO MANY PARENTS WHO WILL
NOT STAY HOME.

KIDS DON'T MAKE THE MOVIES,
THEY DON'T WRITE THE BOOKS:
THEY DON'T PAINT GAY PICTURES
OF GANGSTERS AND CROOKS:
THEY DON'T MAKE THE LIQUOR,
THEY DON'T RUN THE BARS:
THEY DON'T MAKE THE LAWS AND
THEY DON'T MAKE THE CARS.

THEY DON'T PEDDLE THE DRUGS
THAT MUDDLE THE BRAIN:
THAT'S ALL DONE BY OLDER
FOLKS, GREEDY FOR GAIN.
DELINQUENT TEENAGERS — OH,
HOW WE CONDEMN
FOR THE SINS OF THE NATION,
AND BLAME IT ON THEM.

BY THE LAWS OF THE BLAMELESS,
THE SAVIOUR MADE KNOWN,
WHO IS THERE AMONG US TO CAST
THE FIRST STONE?
FOR IN SO MANY CASES — IT'S SAD
BUT IT'S TRUE —
THE TITLE "DELINQUENT" FITS
OLDER FOLKS, TOO.

Being neighbor's kid is major selling tactic



by Ann Forst

"Buy a candy bar from me!" Most of us have heard that line somewhere before. Well, candy bars can be replaced with popcorn, M&Ms, or even a box of oranges. The point is there always seems to be some club or organization selling a food item or knick-knack in the school. I've seen most clubs sell various food items. Selling food is a quick and easy way to gain experience in marketing, to raise money for a trip somewhere, or as in the purpose of "Super Crunch" candy bars, sustain scholarships. Gaining experience in retailing or supporting one's respective club's projects without a large amount of parent or school financial aid is great, but there are some ironic points which are seldom recognized.

First of all, any one can read in an endless number of articles in health related magazines that nearly eighty to ninety

percent of all Americans are overweight. I have also heard countless reports from nutritional experts stating an urgent need for people to attain a balanced diet. But most of the food items sold in the Paper Mache or by school groups contain carbohydrates. Anyone knows that junkfood does not help the diet plan.

Next, students are not supposed to litter. Littering takes up custodians' time, and everyone agrees it does not help the appearance of a public building. Yet if we take a look around our school, most of the litter seems to be candy wrappers. Of course, banning the selling of food by the Paper Mache or student peddlers is not a reasonable answer to the litter problem because marketing is a valuable learning experience for vocational students. So the littering of candy wrappers will evidently continue.

Finally, my personal pet-peeve concerning selling for fund raising is forcing me to sell an item which students do not regularly buy. As a result, I seek out the neighbors to buy such items as gourmet popcorn or seasonal candles. There always seem to be at least four crucial steps when I approach a neighbor with an item that must be sold. First, I walk up to the door and give my rehearsed selling speech. Next, the customer always seems to want to joke around about something trite like the weather. Then I return to my main mission of selling what I always label as my "last box" of . . . Finally, he "buys" it. I hand him the item with a sigh of relief because the customer wasn't quick enough to figure out a polite way to say "no" to the neighbor's kid.

Pacifist questions war's worth



by Phil Vorwerk

Mankind needs a solution to things like Iran. Notice it's mankind, not the U.S., or the hostages but mankind.

I have a rapidly changing opinion of war. Through grade school and junior high I had a deep interest in WWII. Mostly it stemmed from the fact that my dad fought in that war. I thought it was really neat. So I read every book I could find on it. By the seventh grade I knew more about the war than my history teacher. I could name types of aircraft, tanks, ships, different battles, commanders, and thousands of other bits of information. I was a real WWII nut. Maybe even a war monger.

Out of everything I had read, I wasn't appalled by the millions killed in combat, civilian bombing, or concentration camps. I was appalled by the pacifists — those who

tried to stay out of the war.

My view on Iran would have been different in junior high. What is a little country like Iran doing lipping off to us? Let's nuke 'em, and make their country just a name on old maps. Or go over there with our army and kill everyone of those camel jockies. While we were over there we could get their oil, too.

But I didn't stop reading war books after junior high. Some of them started having profound effects on me. It never occurred to me that all those casualties were real people. They had lives to live, but they were wasted in a stupid war.

Another thing happened. The government started talking about bringing back the draft. In less than a year they could send me to Iran. Maybe to die, for what?

I think human life is worth more than dying in a war. Is it worth it to anyone to die just to put Iran in its place? Is it worth it to get blown apart just so our country can go on wasting fossil fuels for a few more years? Even if we nuked 'em until they glowed, it still wouldn't do any good. Our government could easily send us off to get killed for something stupid. Or for nothing. Look at Viet Nam: thousands of our men were killed. For what? Absolutely nothing. Thousands of lives wasted for nothing.

Yes, I'm turning into one of those worthless pacifists. I'm beginning to feel like a throwback to the sixties. I would fight only if my country's survival were threatened. If only people valued life more. Nobody would ever attack. And nobody's lives would be wasted.

Transfer shares impressions of NUHS

by Bonnie Flaig

Early autumn of each year when we celebrate that joyous occasion known as the "First Day of School," we are reunited with old friends whom we may not have seen for three months. After the first few exciting moments of exchanging the highlights of our summer vacations, we glance around school and notice the unfamiliar faces of the "new kids" in town.

I used to wonder what it was like to be a transfer student. I could almost imagine how it felt to be one of the "new kids," but I never expected to be able to speak from personal experience.

That all changed, however, when my family moved to New Ulm last summer, and I faced having to spend my senior year in a new school.

Needless to say, the idea didn't overly thrill me in the beginning. I loved my old friends and did not want to leave them. Without the problem of getting lost in a different school and the agony of making new friends, moving is still "the pits."

But I discovered something about being down in "the pits." You can learn a lot down there. Never before did I have to rely on myself as much as I did those first few weeks at NUHS.

For instance, I never pictured myself being brave enough to ask a total stranger how to get to a classroom. But when it came to either walking into that class late or asking the stranger, I chose the latter without much hesitation.

When a person moves, he leaves behind friends and familiar surroundings, but he doesn't leave behind himself. I was still the same person after I moved in spite of my

fears that I would change. It was just a matter of transferring myself to a new environment.

The things that make me like to sing and write found their way to the NUHS Concert Choir and the Graphos staff. In the same way the part of me that likes having fun and being with other people helped me find new friends.

It's certainly not easy coming into a new school. In my case it seemed like I had eleven years of catching up to do before I could fit in. They had so many memories together that I could only listen as they talked about them.

And I was constantly asking dumb questions like "Can you help me find my locker?" only to have a stranger tell me that I was standing near it.

Those days are in the past now, and I feel I'm a much stronger person for having experienced being a transfer student.

So many kids tell me that they feel they could never move to a new town. I wish I could make them understand that, yes, they could do it if they had to.

We all have enough inner strength to accomplish great things, but we tend to underestimate ourselves until we're faced with a crisis.

It all comes down to the cliché "You get out of it what you put into it." Moving can be a good or bad experience or a healthy combination of both.

Now that the year has progressed this far, I can look back and say that my experiences have been basically good. For that I am thankful. It was a beautiful day when I realized that I could truthfully say "I like it."

people

BMOC is avid athlete



Eric Senske, this month's BMOC, is an easy going young man who has had numerous athletic and academic successes.

by John Marti

Eric Senske, our March BMOC, is an easygoing yet involved individual, but his relaxed attitude does not diminish his impressive list of accomplishments. Many students have noticed his easy manner in the hallways or his confident composure on a basketball court.

Senske is active athletically. During this past season he captained the basketball team that was runner-up in the sub-regional tournament. His teammates selected him as the recipient of the Weiland Memorial Trophy. Senske frequently sparked a comeback victory with some hot shooting or inspired leadership. He was also named to the All-Conference team by the coaches and players in the South Central. This selection exemplifies the respect opposing teams have for Senske's abilities.

During the spring Senske concentrates on another type of game, baseball. He is known for his steady defensive play, but he will also do some pitching. Senske feels this year's squad will do very well. "It

doesn't have the talent last year's team had, but with emotion we'll do well."

In 1978 Senske was a member of the American Legion team that traveled to Yakima, Washington, for the national tournament. "This was my favorite experience." That 1978 Legion team won the regional tournament in Rapid City.

Senske is also involved in other activities besides athletics. He is an excellent student, a sports columnist for the Graphos, and a member of the student council. He also participates in intramural athletics. "I like to have fun," admitted Senske.

His fun did not include a broken ankle and a broken foot which hampered him throughout last year's basketball and baseball seasons. After graduation from high school, Senske plans to attend Hamline University or the University of Minnesota. His indecision is the result of his uncertainty about whether he wants to participate in college level athletics. His future plans include a possible career in law.

Armstrong manages swimmers

by Lorie Mogen

When City Manager Richard Salvati hired Mary Armstrong as the new pool's manager, he hired a charming and competent person. Armstrong was born in Minneapolis to Donald and Ann Armstrong. She grew up in Minnetonka and attended Hopkins High School where she was involved in cheerleading, ski team, track team, and swim team. At 15 she was a swimming instructor's aid at a Hopkins beach. She kept this job during the four summers of high school.

Armstrong entered college at the University of Montana and received a B.A. in recreation, specializing in aquatics. During the summers of 1975 and 1976 she managed a pool at a resort in Montana. In 1977 Mary was graduated from the University of Montana and got her first job as Aquatics Director for a community pool in Havre, Montana. In 1979 she was working as an Aquatics Recreation Leader in Inglewood, Colorado, when a friend in Minneapolis noticed New Ulm's ad (for a pool manager) in a newspaper. She applied and got the job.

When asked how she likes New Ulm, Armstrong stated, "I love it! I especially like the change from a large community to a small one like New Ulm." When not working at the pool, she enjoys downhill skiing, biking, racquetball, tennis, and participates in just about any kind of athletics. Armstrong believes her present position has given her a unique opportunity:

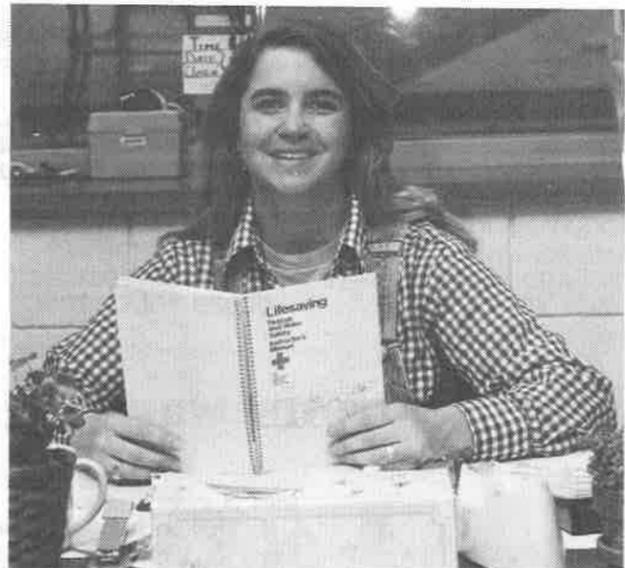
to build a community swimming program from scratch in a new indoor pool.

The staff of 14 guards and swimming instructors give lessons to over 198 people ranging in age from 6 months to the senior citizen. Besides lessons, the pool is open at specific times throughout the week for general swimming. Regarding the appeal of the new pool, Armstrong replied, "It's been just great! We averaged 300 people a day when it opened during the Christmas holidays and are presently averaging over 150 a day on a regular open swim."

This summer there will be some added attractions at the pool. Besides the beautiful locker rooms and two heights of boards over the spacious pool, there is under construction a sun deck adjoining the building. One wall of the pool can be folded back exposing the sun deck which will be open to sunbathers. And by spring of 1981 further expansion will include an ice arena, an exercise room, a community meeting room, a jogging track, and racquetball courts.

Attendance at the pool this summer is expected to be high with lessons in the morning and early afternoon and open swimming during the rest of the day. The outdoor pool will also be open in the afternoons from 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Mary Armstrong feels she has a conscientious staff in an excellent facility. She and the staff welcome you to the beautiful new pool in New Ulm across from the Medical Center.



Mary Armstrong, New Ulm's "Aquawoman," is helping make the city's new pool a true success.

AFS provides experiences for two students

Susan Altamirano

by Cathy Gulden

Guess what? Not all California girls are blondes! Susan Altamirano, who is spending the last half of her junior year at NUHS through the AFS program, is a living example.

Altamirano, the oldest of four children, comes from Woodland, California, 25 miles northwest of Sacramento. In Woodland she was active in many clubs and was also a member of the Woodland Police Cadettes, a drill team. While in New Ulm her host family is Eddie and Carmen Reinharts.

Altamirano found it hard to adjust to her new schedule. She was used to an open lunch, outdoor lockers, and a shorter school day. She also feels that Woodland had closer student-teacher relationships.



Susan Altamirano, the California Brunette, has found it necessary to "wear layers of clothes."

In coming from sunny California to Minnesota, Altamirano experienced a drastic climate change. "At first I couldn't take it, but I learned to wear layers of clothes and have fun in the snow." She really enjoys snowmobiling and was thrilled to see her first hockey game.

She finds that entertainment in New Ulm is different than in her hometown where most kids spend their free time at the ocean or camping in the mountains. Altamirano also observed that because of the higher drinking age in California, the kids don't party as often as NUHS students.

Her future plans include college. She initially thought of attending a California school but is now considering a Colorado college. She has several possible career interests including business, art, and pre-school teaching.

Dave Pederson

by Cathy Gulden

Last year Dave Pederson did something a little out of the ordinary. He spent his junior year living in Brazil through the AFS program. Pederson stayed in the city of Salvador, a city of one million people located halfway between Rio de Janeiro and the Amazon River. His host family was Josue and Nice Arapiraca and their nine children. Their home was small; the bedrooms had room for only a bed and a small dresser. The family had a large cement backyard, decorated with potted plants. A dog, a parrot, and four turtles were the family pets.

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Current crowns are honored



Six NUHS students who have been recognized for their attractive characteristics are from left to right Lorie Mogen, Pam Hoffmann, Doug Hoffmann, Cathy Gulden, Angela Oswald, and below Julie Lindemann.

by Lisa Clark

During the past school year, six students from NUHS have received recognition based on their personality, poise, and or beauty. This recognition has been on the school, community, or state level.

Prior to homecoming an FFA Sweetheart and an FHA Sweetie were chosen. Pam Hoffmann was voted FFA Sweetheart, and Doug Hoffmann was picked to be the FHA Sweetie.

The FFA Sweetheart must be a senior and a farm girl. Out of all the girls who applied, five candidates were chosen by the FFA boys. These girls attended an FFA meeting during which they introduced themselves and described their interests and activities.

Pam is president of FHA, a pom-pom girl, member of the band, the Secretary of the Concert Choir, and a Bel Canto singer.

The requirements for an FHA Sweetie are that he must be senior boy in FFA and live on a farm. The four candidates who were nominated introduced themselves at an FHA meeting. The FHA girls selected Doug Hoffmann as their FHA Sweetie.

Doug is the treasurer of FFA, member of the student council, president of his senior class, and a successful wrestler who recently competed in the state tournament.

The FFA Sweetheart and FHA Sweetie rode in the Homecoming Parade last fall and will be in the Heritagefest Parade this summer. Because Doug escorted homecoming queen candidate Rachel Meyer, he didn't ride in the homecoming parade as Sweetie.

Homecoming Queen Angela Oswald says she will remember being queen for the rest of her life.

Oswald was chosen from seven candidates and crowned at the Homecoming Review the night before the game. She was escorted by Marty Hitchcock.

Being Queen enabled her to participate in all the homecoming activities. She also appeared in a style show held at State Bond. She is in OEA which means attending school half a day and working the other half at New Ulm Freight Lines.

Oswald feels one of the best things about being Homecoming Queen is the opportunity to know the kids in school.

Senior Cathy Gulden is the present Miss New Ulm. She was chosen from 21 girls and crowned at the Fireman's Ball. The girls were judged on the basis of a personal interview with four judges from the St. Paul Winter Carnival.

As Miss New Ulm, Gulden is responsible to any organization belonging to the Chamber of Commerce. She is involved in grand openings, promotions, and Heritagefest and represents New Ulm at various functions in surrounding towns during summer celebrations.

Gulden participated in the Fasching Weekend events, has been in a fashion show, was present at the Grand Opening of Happy Joe's, and appeared at the John Deere promotion at Potter's Implement.

Her most exciting event was attending the St. Paul Winter Carnival. Sponsored by the New Ulm Chamber of Commerce, she was one of 57 girls from around the state who spent five days in the capitol city.

The girls met with St. Paul Mayor George Lattimer, had tea at Governor Quie's mansion, met the St. Paul Winter Carnival Royalty, went to the Ice Capades, and were in the Torchlight Parade.

When asked how she felt about being Miss New Ulm, Gulden said, "I feel it's



really an honor to represent the community, and I enjoy doing it. So far I've met a lot of new people and have had a lot of fun."

Lorie Mogen and Julie Lindemann, both juniors in NUHS, received honors in a teen achievement contest last October. Mogen was chosen Miss Minnesota River Valley and will represent this area in the Miss Teen Minnesota contest this June 26-30. Lindemann was the second attendant. If neither the queen nor the first attendant can compete in the state contest, she would then participate.

The 45-50 girls in the Miss Minnesota River Valley contest were judged on achievements in school and community, a 5-minute interview with three judges, general appearance, and long dress competition which determined poise.

All participants in the contest were involved in four production numbers featuring singing and dancing.

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Pederson attended a school with an enrollment of 3000 students. He was placed in the second year of the second grade, which is similar to what we call our junior year. The class included fifty other students. His five to six classes a day consisted mainly of note-taking. The teachers moved from class to class instead of the students. In Brazil the school term is held from the beginning of March to the beginning of December. July serves as a winter recess. The school day started at 1:20 p.m. and lasted until 6:45. During Pederson's stay he experienced 3½ weeks of teacher strikes.

Brazilian students take their education seriously. The last three years of their schooling is devoted to preparing for a six-day college entrance examination.

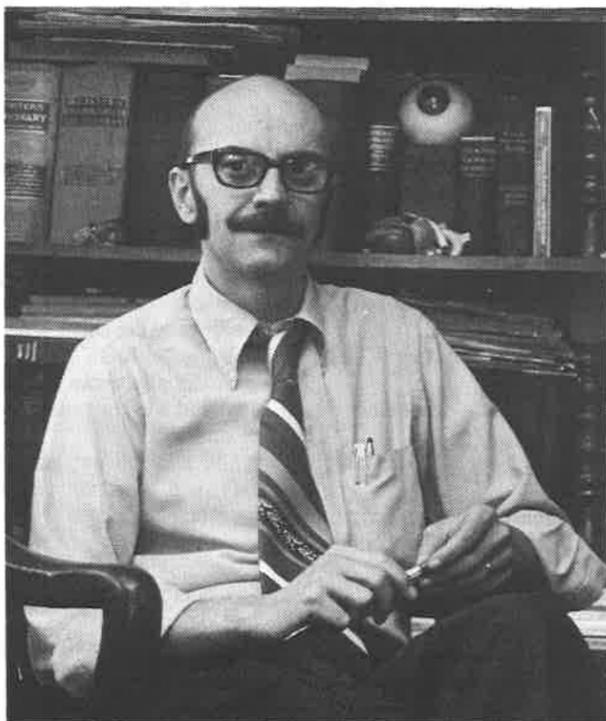
The language spoken in Brazil is Portuguese. Pederson commented, "It took me four months to really understand it and eight months to really speak it." His friends helped him learn the language by always speaking Portuguese around him until he picked it up.

Teenagers in Brazil are basically just like American teenagers. While in Brazil Pederson went to the beach and attended movies, concerts, and parties. He said most kids in Brazil don't drive because the legal driving age is 18, and the price of gas is \$4 a gallon. City buses were widely used by the students for their transportation.

Pederson says his year in Brazil was a wonderful experience and something he will remember the rest of his life.



Dave Pederson, last year's AFS student from New Ulm, discovered that Brazilian teenagers like to do the same things we do.



Historical buff Elroy Ubl believes the history of New Ulm and the surrounding areas should be preserved and shared.

Ubl enjoys local history

by Jane Hagedon

Does the name of Elroy Ubl ring a bell? It should. Besides being the administrator of Highland Manor and a former manager of Sunset Apartments, Elroy Ubl is New Ulm's foremost historical journalist.

"Although I was never very interested in history during college, I was always very fascinated with the history of New Ulm and the surrounding areas. New Ulm is very rich in history, and I feel it is important to know as much as possible about the history of where we live. I also felt that it was important to share whatever information I had with others."

In fact, he felt so strongly about historical knowledge that he proceeded to have two books reprinted about our local history. The first one was called "The Indians Revenge" and the second was "A

Chronology of New Ulm, Minnesota: 1853-1899". The latter book was originally written in German. "I am a firm believer that the recorded (written and pictorial) history of New Ulm and surrounding areas should not only be preserved but shared," Ubl added.

After his two books were published, the New Ulm Journal asked Ubl if he would like to write a weekly history column. Ubl accepted the offer and enjoys this endeavor very much.

Born and raised in New Ulm, Elroy Ubl graduated from NUHS in 1959. After four years of college at the University of Minnesota and at Mankato State, he obtained a teaching position in Faribault.

As a hobbyist, Ubl enjoys collecting New Ulm antiques and old photographs of New Ulm and the surrounding areas. He also enjoys stamp collecting and photography.

Tim X reveals secrets and counts minutes until summer

by Mike Ostrom

Well, seniors, the time has come for me, Tim X, (last name withheld to protect my family) to tell my story. I've been all wound up for weeks, and I want to get a few things off my face. You all know who I am. My skull is smashed, my appendages are broken and twisted, and I'll never run again.

Yes, I'm the clock in the Senior Lounge. Seniors, your day of reckoning has come. To repay you for wrecking me, I intend to spill out my guts about the goings on in the Senior Lounge.

Ah, how well I remember the fateful day when the Class of '80 invaded the lounge. I was safe behind my glass as I proudly read, 11:14. One senior exclaimed, "I musta died cause dis lounge gotta be Heaven."

"You mean I waited two years for this!" snorted one dismayed senior.

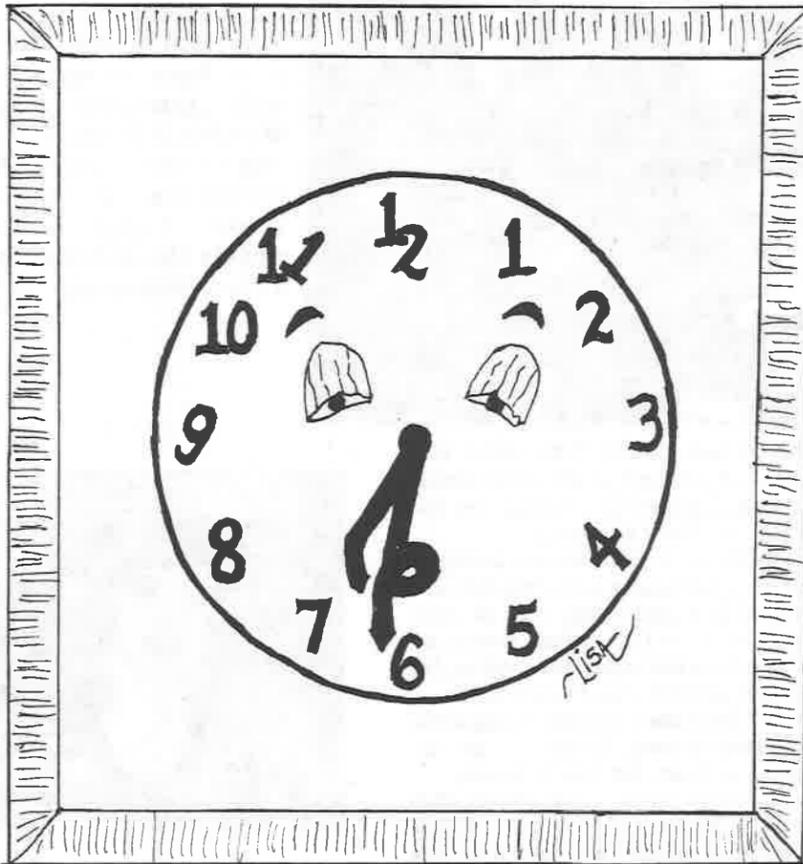
Yes, it was all theirs, complete with a foosball table, a ping-pong table, and, best of all, vending machines. Two of the vending machines actually worked and one even gave the correct change. Look out acne, bankruptcy, and obesity, the Class of '80 had arrived, and they would abuse their bodies worse than any of their predecessors.

I don't mean to alarm anyone but some of my observations are incredible. I recall the day that the ping-pong table broke. Two football players came in intending to have a quick game, but they couldn't find a ball. However, that didn't stop the stout-hearted two. The smarter of the two (if you can say that) simply pulled out the TV and, presto, they had a ball. Things were going OK until, after the heartbreaking loss, the less-smart one threw the TV at the table in disgust. The final toll was seven broken

paddles, one broken TV, and one broken ping-pong table. It's amazing how those guys can run Coach Zweifel's offense with seemingly mush for brains. The breaking of the table meant the closing of the lounge. However, after two weeks and a crash course in the uses of a wrench, the football players had the lounge open.

NUHS boys are not the only ones who grace the lounge. The young ladies have given me some actions worth observation.

My favorite is Glenda Bluntbottom. Everyday, in front of the second-hour gang, she buys a granola bar with an emphatic, "My diet is coming along just fine." Then, between classes when the lounge is empty, quarter after quarter is stuffed in poor Vendo and out come the Snickers, Mars, and Tootsie Rolls faster than you can read the labels. This speed can only be matched by that at which Glenda stuffs them into her purse. Well,



Glenda, now your secret, along with your waistline, is out. My stay will not be complete until I tell how I became disabled.

I recall it was a Monday (only rainy days can get you more down,) and I was running three minutes fast. Of course, the students could not stand for it. So, 6'5" Stretch Stuffhooper was chosen to fix me. He reached up and removed my glass — ouch! However, Stretch didn't realize he could push my minute hand back three minutes. No-o-o, he had to go forward and after eight rotations, I stopped. I was dizzy so I refused to move. Stretch then smashed the glass and mangled my little legs. I had no choice but to electrocute him. Sorry, Coach Hartmann! The TV and I have not been the only objects to face abuse.

The couch, the pop machine, and the foosball table have all suffered. I remember when the hockey taco twins carved "Beat St. Pete" in the couch with their sticks. This was followed by a gang of males who put New Ulm's own Schells logo on the pop can machines. I never knew the third graders toured the school.

Finally, those little guys in the foosball game lead a horrible life. At the end of each day, they have to nurture their little bruises, and many vomit from spinning around all day. Worse than that, many of them have lockjaw. You try holding that stupid smile all day. I console them by saying, "Well, there's only two months until summer vacation."

Yes, two months until this class of '80 will be gone. I don't think that I will miss the class that disabled me. However, I will find vengeance through the vending machines. They say, "Time waits for no man", but you, Class of '80, will definitely have the weight.

State tournaments include more than sports

by Rachel Meyer

Along with the passing of winter and the end of the winter sports season comes the annual trek of loyal sports fans to the Civic Center in St. Paul. These tournaments are reputedly a fun time for all even if they mean a pink pass or two.

Twas the night before state tourneys, when all through the house
Not a creature was sleeping, not even a mouse.

The luggage was placed by the doorway with care

In hopes that they wouldn't forget their uniforms once they were there.

Billy was nestled all snug in his bed
With visions of good looking girls dancing in his head.

Mom had given up, and Dad had too —
What was going to happen this weekend, neither of them knew.

Pop had said, "You're not going." Billy replied, "Wanna make a bet?"
And he left the room without a frown or a fret.

Billy dreamed that whole night of the fun they would have
Based on reports that previous folks gave.

The motel and hotel managers' heads began to spin

As half of Minnesota began to pour in.
They had no regrets though at their upcoming fate

For they'd just raised their prices 4 times the regular rate.

The elevators were full of many excited youth

From Mankato, Bird Island, New Ulm, and Duluth.

Ready for a weekend to be tops of all tops,
Just watch out, warned others, beware of the cops.

The motel rooms were all ready, all had just been cleaned,

The beds were all made, the floor really sheaned.

Will the conditions of these rooms after the visitors all leave

Be the same as they were now — what do you believe?

From answers to questions of past tourney attenders,

The conclusion is that they're all very big spenders.

But that's half the fun, at least that's what they say —

Until they check out and see what they have to pay.

One account given of the basketball tourneys just past

Was quite hilarious — they all had a blast.
Say boys — now how many games did you really get to?

Or did you stay in your rooms with something better to do.

They say the games were just grand on TV.

Why they didn't just watch them at home I just can't see.

When the night turned to day and the sun began to rise

Is the time most loyal fans began to close their eyes.

For the night was so short — they'd hardly slept a wink,

It was now time to sleep, at least that's what they think.

A funny story was told of an elevator ride,
One that P.F. particularly tries to hide.

Come on now, Perry, when you step through the door

You must push a button (he says his thumb was sore)

The elevator won't move by itself, don't you know?

After standing there 10 minutes and the dumb thing doesn't go.

Or the time on the elevator one poor boy met his doom,

When asked by police, "What floor is your room?"

He answered distinctly, "On floor number ten."

The policeman replied without a smile, "Since when?"

This motel has not ten floors, kid, but only nine,

Now get to your room or I'll charge you a fine."

Or the tale told of the Roseville girl — she was a bit overweight —

She entered the room uninvited and stayed there quite late.

What did she come for nobody knew,
Maybe at 5 in the morning she had nothing to do.

As the 1980 tournaments draw to a close,
They will long be remembered in the memories of those

Who made the journey to the big city to cheer

With fans of all sorts from everywhere, far and near.

The tournaments were filled with good times for all

Just ask anyone — they all had a ball.

Look forward to next year — it's not far away

They start just a little over 300 days from today.

Deadlines for available scholarships approach

by George Hudak

There are many scholarships available to high school seniors who are planning to continue their education by attending vocational school or college next fall. Each of the scholarships available has criteria one must meet in order to be eligible for the scholarship, and the amount of money varies. Students can pick up and return all application forms in the guidance office. Applications must be returned by the deadlines set on each separate scholarship.

Two Ozias scholarships are available to males who are planning to attend vocational school and work in the manual arts. Each scholarship is worth \$500. The deadline for returning this scholarship application is May 1.

The George D. Erickson scholarship is available to students planning on attending a college or university. The scholarship is based on citizenship, character, scholarship, and need. The scholarship is worth approximately \$900. The deadline for application is May 1.

The Somsen Music Memorial Scholarship is for a student who plans to pursue his or her musical training after high school. This scholarship is based on how much the student needs the money to pursue his training and on how worthy he is of receiving the scholarship. Interest paid on \$5000 is available to the recipient of this scholarship. Deadline for submitting applications for the Somsen Music Memorial Scholarship is May 1.

Students who are in need of money to attend college next fall are also eligible for the Kemske Scholarship. The grant comes from interest paid on the \$10,000 available for this scholarship. The deadline for application is May 1.

Students who plan to pursue nurse's training (either R.N. or L.P.N.) are eligible to receive the Emma Winkelmann Nursing Scholarship. This scholarship is

based on the merit and need of the recipient. The amount of funds available varies from \$500 to \$1,000. The deadline for submitting an application for this scholarship is April 1.

The Union Hospital Auxiliary Scholarship is also available to those students planning to pursue nurse's training. This scholarship is available only to those planning to pursue an R.N.'s license. Three hundred dollars is available, and the deadline for handing in an application is also April 1.

A \$350 scholarship is available to those students planning on pursuing one year or more of medical training. This scholarship, The Loretto Hospital Auxiliary Scholarship, is based on scholastic ability and need. Deadline for submitting applications for this scholarship is April 1.

The Mickelson Memorial Awards scholarship is available to students who have made outstanding language arts achievement in journalism and debate. Those interested in the scholarship are asked to consult any member of the English Department for further details. The deadline for handing in applications for the Mickelson Memorial Awards scholarship is May 1.

The Ben J. Seifert American Legion Scholarship is available to a direct descendant of a veteran whose parents reside in school District 88 and is planning on attending any accredited school. The scholarship is based on citizenship, character, and need. It is worth \$500 and the deadline for applying is April 1.

The Citizens Scholarship Fund, better known as Dollars For Scholars, makes several scholarships available based on need to students attending a college, vocational school, or a university. The amount of each scholarship varies. Applications should be completed by May 1.

Senske's Sports Sense



by Eric Senske

Most of you are unaware of the special power which I possess. While I have tried to keep this power under wraps, I feel it is time to reveal it to my readers.

I have been blessed with the ability to foresee the future, with a sixth sense, if you will. I have honed this gift to a precise science and am now willing to share some predictions with my readers.

So without further delay here are several of my predictions for the 1980-81 sports seasons at NUHS:

In a surprise move, Coach Peterson will resign his post as wrestling coach to join the All Star Wrestling Circuit.

In another surprise, move Ingrid Liedman will quit the All Star Wrestling Circuit to become the new Eagle wrestling coach.

Neil Stock will score 40 points in a basketball game against Mankato East. However, he won't even break the school scoring record because the game will end in a 20-20 tie. Sorry Neil, I couldn't resist.

Demanding to negotiate his contract, Dave Filzen, All-Conference center and Most Valuable Player on this year's basketball squad, will not report to practice next November.

Coach Hartmann will refuse and ask, "Who needs Filzen?" Athletic Director Anderson will ask, "Who needs Hartmann?"

Lyle Sparrowgrove will give up coaching and run off to join the circus.

Coach Senske, in a fit of rage, will try to hit Tim Renner over the head with his fungo bat at baseball practice. Renner will visit his coach in the hospital after Senske undergoes emergency surgery to remove a fungo bat from his throat. Don't worry Dad, I'll visit you, too.

Stan Zweifel will become the proud father of a 6 lb., 7 oz. football.

Well, there you have them, folks. Cut 'em out. Those of you who doubt me, wait and see. I'm sorry I won't be around to see them come true.

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A timeout huddle around their coach is sometimes the only opportunity for these players to get into the game's action.

Basketball benchwarmers valuable

by Jeff Albrecht

When a spectator attends a boys' basketball game, he sees only the competition occurring between the two teams on the court. What the fan does not realize is that every player on the team is also in competition with the other players for a position on the team. Of the fifteen players that make up a basketball team, only seven or eight are able to play regularly. The remaining players must be satisfied to sit on the bench and hope their team gets enough of a lead so they will be able to play towards the end of the game. Usually a coach does not substitute many players if the score is close.

However, the players do not feel left out because they are unable to play in all the games. "We realize that the team would not be able to practice or improve without scrimmaging against us," says junior Ken Olstad.

But the starters need the other players for more than just scrimmages. The players on the bench also do their part in keeping the team fired up.

"We just try to get nuts out there," claims junior Mark Friske. "I think we have even helped the team win some close games."

Obviously not all of the players are completely satisfied with their positions on the team. Senior Brad Zetah states, "Sometimes people don't even know you're on the team. You become frustrated after awhile."

The juniors on the team, however, have something to work for. Throughout the basketball season there are ten games scheduled for the junior varsity, which consists of juniors and some sophomores.

So while the subs sit on the bench, some are looking forward to next year, but all of them can enjoy the recognition they get for their contributions to the team.

Gymnasts leap out of another season

by Sue Kunz

Seasons come and seasons go, and so has another season of girls gymnastics at New Ulm High School.

Coach Sandy Fritz said that many important things were learned this year. "The senior girls taught the younger girls many valuable lessons that will be helpful to us next year. They were a good group of leaders."

Most importantly, Fritz feels they grew as a team. They discovered the meaning of teamwork and how to apply it. This cooperation showed up in their meets in which many high team scores were achieved.

In the sub-region meet, which was held

in New Ulm, the girls scored their season's high, 110.5. They accomplished what every team or athlete aims for, to peak during the play-offs, but their best wasn't good enough. They missed advancing to the regional by two points behind winner Mankato West with 115.7 and second place Fairmont, which had 113.05 points. Only the top two teams go to the region.

Two girls, however, did go to the region in individual competition. Patty Wieland and Tammy Current earned spots on the balance beam, and Wieland also qualified in all-around competition. Neither of them advanced to the state meet.

Looking ahead to next year, Fritz will have better depth than this year's team. Leading next year's squad will be co-captains, Jane Pollei and Cindy Scheid.

Pair of pucksters graduate with all-conference honors

by Dave Traurig

"It's an end of an era, the end of a big part in New Ulm hockey," stated coach Tom Macho.

Macho was talking about this year's three hockey captains, Terry Steinbach and Peter and Paul Macho. The era spans about 13 years, but none of the three can pin point the time they began playing hockey. In those 13 years these three have won a state bantam "B" championship, played at the Met Sports Center in a section one tournament, brought respectability to New Ulm Hockey, and own almost all New Ulm Senior High School hockey records.

Going back those 13 years all three started playing hockey for the same reason, older brothers. The three are the end of a hockey tradition for their two families. Peter and Paul tagged along with their older brothers Tim and Tom. Steinbach also followed his brothers Tim and Tom. "We went to Westside once and then we were always going there. We couldn't leave," stated Paul.

Playing together all these years has resulted in their thinking alike. All three agreed that their biggest moments in hockey were the state championship and the tournament trip to the Met Sports Center in 1978. Both moments brought attention to New Ulm's hockey program.

The trio have fond memories of that Bantam "B" State Championship in 1976. The championship came to New Ulm after defeating Falcon Heights by 2-0 with Peter and Steinbach scoring the goals. "Everyone came on to the ice, all the fans and parents. It was great," stated Paul.

Echoing his brother, Peter said, "It was great. Fun to be on top for once. It was like we were all in a dream."

Steinbach summed it all up, "Indescribable. It was just super, a lot of hard work but it sure paid off."

Then there was a week at the end of February in 1978 that really made people take notice. During this week the Eagles blew by Montgomery 9-1 and came back from a 5-2 deficit in the third period to beat Red Wing 6-5. After their upset of Red Wing, the Eagles also upset Rochester



Terry Steinbach 12 gets ready to show the goalie all there is to know about backhand shots.



Peter Macho 9 is one of the three seniors who have made valuable contributions to New Ulm's hockey program.

Mayo to win a trip to the Met Sports Center. The Eagles were beaten 6-1 by Bloomington Lincoln.

"We had a goal that year. We all wanted to put on our jocks in the Met and we did. We have a picture to prove it," said Paul laughing.

"It was a dream come true. We were all in awe of that big place," echoed Peter.

The careers of these seniors have been impressive ones. Paul holds every scoring record for a defenseman. He finish his career with 28 goals and 56 assists for a total of 84 points. Macho broke the assist record as a freshman and has added to it every year. This year he finished with 23 assists.

Looking at his career Macho stated, "I'll miss it for the rest of my life. I have a lot of good memories." Reflecting on his most heart breaking moment Macho stated, "It was this year against Red Wing. It was hard going out losing 6-1. All of a sudden it's all over."

Left wing Pete Macho ended his career with 75 goals, 84 assists for a total of 159. He holds the record for most career assists.

Completing the trio is Mr. Score, Steinbach. He ended his career with 99 goals and 75 assists for a total of 172. He holds records for most career points and goals. Steinbach scored his 99th goal in his last game and could have had the century mark but his last shot hit the pipe.

The three have combined for several individual awards during four years in high school hockey. Paul has been given honorable mention in the Central Minnesota Hockey League twice. He was also voted most valuable player by his teammates and will receive the Tom Macho Award. Peter was named to this year's All-Conference squad along with Steinbach. Both also received the WCCO Team of the Week status. All three were deserving of All-Conference honors, but a conference rule permitted only two to be named from New Ulm this year.

The three have great respect for their coach Tom Macho. Steinbach summed it up best. "We started with Coach Macho back in pee wees. We have the greatest respect for him. He has helped us a lot, and now we are finished. I guess you could call it an end of an era."

Girls look for improvement in next year's won-loss columns

by Eric Wilner

Although the New Ulm Eagles girls' basketball team finished their season with an overall record of 2-16, there are some things that Coach Lyle Sparrowgrove can look forward to for next year.

The team is graduating only six seniors: Terri Brudellie, Jennifer Coyle, Kris Bloedel, Mary Keyes, Kim Horner, and Carla Windschitl. All of these girls contributed their skills and leadership abilities to help the team. They also helped some of the younger players when they were having trouble.

Although these seniors will be missed, Sparrowgrove has many girls coming back from the varsity and the B squads. Some of the varsity returnees are Mary Moriarty, who is only a sophomore, Kris

Traurig; Julie Mosenden; and Jackie Brudellie; all juniors. All of these girls are hard workers and all are capable of scoring. In the sub-region 2AA basketball tournament against Marshall, a game they lost 54-26, Kris Traurig scored 10 points. In the game before that against Redwood Falls, she had eight points and helped the team come back from a 19-4 deficit at one point to a final losing margin of 50-45. The steady play of Moriarty throughout the season also means more points on the board for the girls next year.

Although their record doesn't show it, the 1979-80 basketball season was one of growth and improvement for the girls in ability and confidence. They and their coach look ahead to another season when their improvement may also be evident in the won-loss columns.

Wrestlers pleased with post-season success

by Todd Tyler

The last half of the season proved to be the best for the Eagle wrestlers this year with strong finishes in all of their post season tournaments.

The wrestlers had the momentum with them when they headed for the conference meet. The whole team wrestled well beating two other teams who had previously beaten them during the season. Doug Hoffmann and Jeff Portner were conference champions in their weight divisions and John LeGare, Bob Dehn, and Al Bastian were all runners-up. Bastian lost his match in overtime by a referee's decision, and LeGare lost his match by a 1-0 decision.

After the conference it was then on to the sub-region where New Ulm did exceptionally well. Doug Hoffmann, Jeff Hoffmann, John LeGare, Greg Johnson, Jeff Portner, and Bob Dehn all qualified for the region meet. As a team New Ulm finished a close third behind Waseca and first place Worthington. There were eight

teams competing in the sub-region, and six of those teams had beaten New Ulm during the season.

Doug Hoffmann and Portner were the only wrestlers who advanced to the state meet. Portner lost in his first match, but he was in it all the way. The final score was 10-7. Hoffmann won his first match with a pin but lost his next one to a wrestler who eventually took third place in the state. The final score was 5-4. Obviously getting to the state wrestling tournament is an accomplishment for both Hoffmann and Portner.

Some individual won-loss records are worth mentioning: Doug Hoffmann, 24-4-1, Bastian 20-5, Dehn 18-5, Portner 18-9, and LeGare 18-6. Four of these guys will be graduating this year plus six other seniors. Their loss will be hard to fill next year, but Coach Peterson feels that there are a lot of good sophomores and juniors returning.

When asked about the season, Peterson said, "Our highlight was the finishes in the tournays. We wrestled well as a team at times during the year, but it is very satisfying to do it at the end of year."