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Lori Domeier finds the hallway floor a sufficient resting place during her lunch break.

Senioritis diagnosed acute

Rising temperatures affect "Senioritis"

by Mark Hulsey

Senioritis is not a foreign term to anyone. A senior can relate directly to senioritis, and anyone younger will experience it soon enough.

Although senioritis usually begins in the spring, this year's seniors became plagued with this disease in September, give or take a day or two.

Last fall, when classes resumed, seniors were pretty excited about school. The senior lounge was now in the possession of the seniors. A mild infatuation was the primary feeling about the lounge.

By the beginning of winter, the attitude of the seniors were going through a slight change. Classes began to drag out a bit. Soon a worse attitude developed. The 50 minute class turned to three hours with the attention span for teacher lectures topping out at five minutes. It was no secret to the teachers that the seniors were utterly bored.

The season changed to spring. Ah yes, spring, the time of year for senioritis to pop those last buds and flower brilliantly. And the seniors did some flowering.



Between their hectic schedules, seniors find time to relax in the Senior Lounge.



Seniors anticipate their last days of high school with a smile.

With the weather exceptionally beautiful, minds were wandering to the lakes fishing, in the woods mushroom hunting, outside sun bathing, and lying in the sun and merely relaxing and...well...you know, just having a good time.

Study times are no longer spent studying, except for a few of us. Now is the time to break out the frisbees. After the wildness is expended, the seniors find comfort on a luscious green patch of grass. While enjoying the Pepsi generation scene, the seniors appear worry free. For the most part, however, this description is not ac-

curate. During their senior year the worries the seniors experienced seemed insurmountable, but it is especially important for the seniors not to dwell on the worries in order to avoid insanity.

The seniors are fairly pleased with their senior year. They have had fun times, some rough times, and believe it or not, some have even learned a thing or two. However, many are disappointed with the education they received in their senior year, and hope that next year the NUHS faculty will exert much more academic pressure on the seniors.

editorial

Unsung heroes refresh without a "song"



by Kim Schmiesing

Many of us probably know about the unsung hero. But how many of us have heard the tale he has to tell? Nobody — right? If you did, you weren't hearing the tale of a true-to-life unsung hero.

The unsung hero is the person who simply goes about doing his duty and in doing so does something for which he deserves credit. However, this person is for some reason or another never awarded with the credit he deserves. Either his credit is stolen by a glory grabber or merely overlooked by the credit bureaus.

So here's to all of you unsung heroes out there (and I know you're out there) — hats off! You are a refreshing breed. You are an especially refreshing contrast from those people who, at

a moment's notice or less, will list off their achievements and accomplishments and trophies and awards and...and...and the list goes on. We all know that person whose mouth serves as his own personal trophy case and to be perfectly honest, he makes us sick.

Who are the unsung heroes? Well, seeing the way in which a high school drama production works, I have always been thankful for the stage crew. They aren't the showstoppers, but without them there would be no show. But there are people behind the scenes in every activity. For example, how often do you really hear about the one who came in second? Or the person who nobly returned your purse to the office the other day?

Being an avid reader of the "Dear Abby" column, we have read her wonderful advice to those who have incorporated "I" into their vocabularies so much that it is sickening. It is the same rule that the unsung hero abides by thus making him a refreshing breed. The advice was something like this: One should treat intelligence (Abby was talking about intelligence, but I think it applies here also) like a pocket watch — keep it in your pocket unless someone asks for the correct time.

Camp Counselors needed this summer

by Lisa Clark

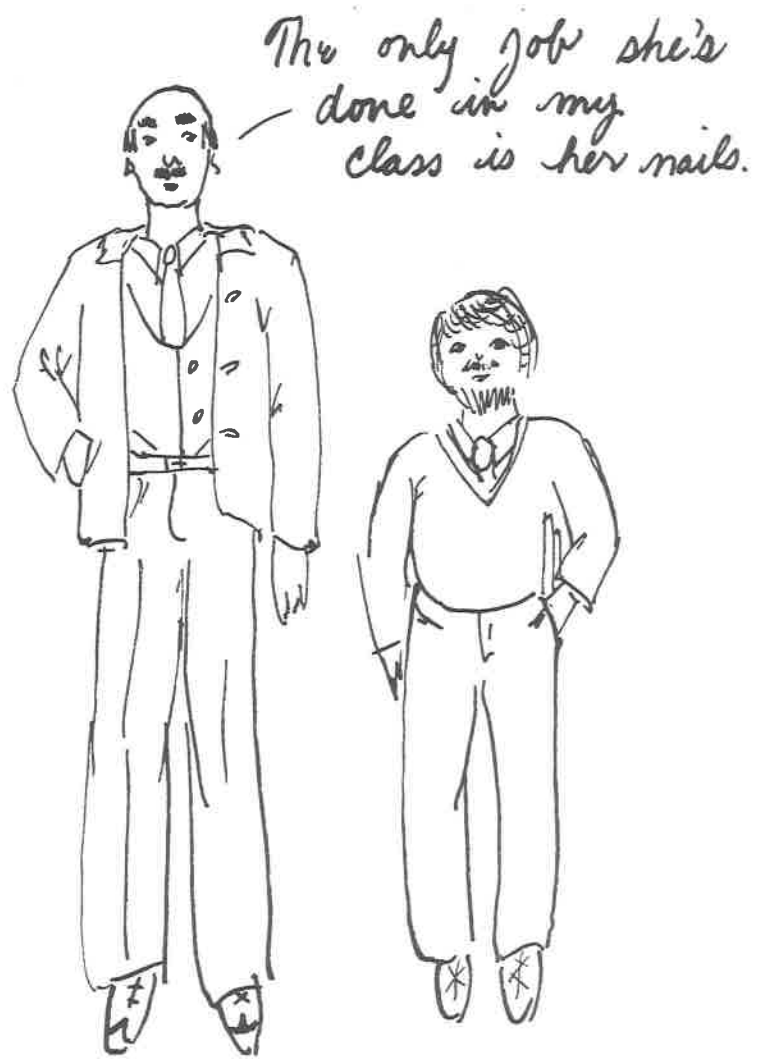
For those who are interested in working with children, being a counselor at the Tom Pfaender Summer Camp may be a great way to spend a few days this summer.

The camp will be needing 12 high school students, preferably between their junior and senior years, to be counselors for a group of 8-11 year olds.

The boys and girls attending the invitational camp come from Brown, Nicollet, and Le Sueur counties. This summer the camp is held in the Flaudrau State Park Group Camp from Monday July 7th through Friday July 11.

The purpose of the camp is to help children have a good time in the company of other children and adults and to learn some basic friendship skills. Archery, swimming, canoeing, singing, campfires, individual projects, group games, and movies are included in the list of planned activities.

Those interested in working as a counselor in the Tom Pfaender Summer Camp can pick up applications in the NUHS guidance office and should listen for announcements regarding the date and time. Dick Embacher will be in school to show slides and talk about the camp.



Ordo

Concentration is skipping NUHS



by Colleen Berg

Once again the time of year has come to haunt students, particularly seniors. The weather is beautiful and one can't concentrate on homework. If you're a senior, credits are always envisioned by those who need them desperately! Spring fever hits even the best of students. Who wants to be cooped up in a building knowing all the fun is waiting for you outside.

Spring hasn't changed the attitude of some, however. No one wants to get involved with something that will take time out of their busy schedule or will conflict with their favorite television program. I'm sure "Lavern and Shirley" won't mind not seeing you this week. If an organization has a meeting for a special activity, the same few people show up. Four people end up doing the job that is meant for forty people.

In fall, the senior class was warned by the principal that a few students better stick to the grindstone and work or the underclasspersons will be seeing familiar faces around the school next year. As the months passed, the rumors of the number of seniors not being able to graduate grew and grew. Did these people try or do they think they will graduate anyway? Who knows, but we will find out when May 29 rolls around.

Spring is also the time when teachers have homework sprees. "Get real teachers!" Why put the extra burden on yourself by correcting excess material? Some teachers may think they are doing the students a favor by preparing us for college work. But first we have to make it to college. The biggest barrier for entering college is the financial obstacle. The realization of other responsibilities besides school is hard, but there are other things in life besides school.

Our school is fortunate to have a large variety of classes to choose from. Don't put off taking a class you would like to take but feel you don't have the knack for it. Take it anyway, you may have a hidden talent!

For example, males may feel they are not qualified to enroll in choir because the number of males is becoming extinct. This year there wasn't a sophomore choir; instead the group was an all girls choir. Being in choir is not unmanly, or are boys afraid they will be laughed at by their peers? Choir is a rewarding and educational experience. Also, during this hour you may forget about your homework.

Don't take the easy way out. Apply yourself as much as possible, for in the end you will reward yourself.

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Skipping is tempting



by Ann Forst

As the weather becomes pleasant and the school year is nearing an end, many students are thinking, "Wow, I wish I could get out of here!" A lot of kids do just that, they "skip." It's great when you are on the "outside," but then you have to figure out a way to get back into class.

Speaking from personal experience, this columnist feels that skipping class simply is not worth the trouble. There are many consequences which students do not think about when they decide to walk through the doors and into the sunshine.

First of all, and the most essential outcome resulting from skipping a class is missing an important assignment or test, which may affect a final grade. Even if you do not miss a test, notes and information concerning the subject area are discussed which are useful in obtaining decent grades.

Next, there is the humiliation of getting caught and having to go to the office to get a pink pass. More often than not, students get caught skipping, and receiving an unexcusable pass diminishes the trust teachers and other school employees want to extend to students. Also, one pink pass may cause teachers to be more inclined to suspect a student of skipping if he is absent at a later date.

Aside from the present effects of receiving an unexcusable readmittance slip, there may be a few unexpected, long-range inconveniences resulting from skipping. The future is important to every student, but if someone skips classes an excessive number of times, grades will usually begin to drop.

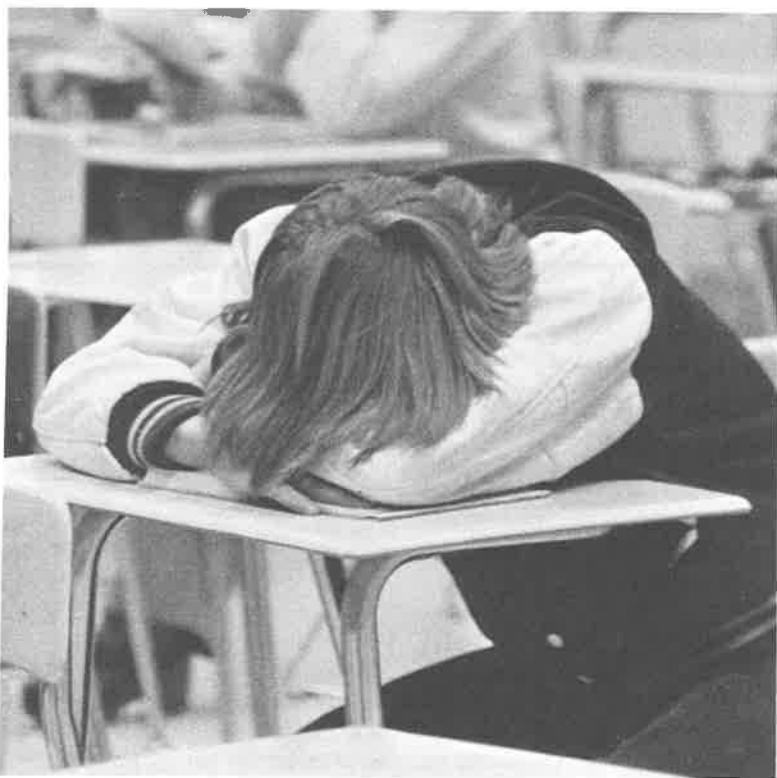
College representatives as well as future employers occasionally inquire about scholastic achievements and attendance records when noting applications. As a result, lower grades and a poor attendance record will not be an asset to a student's future success.

The present system of punishment for skipping is similar to baseball. A student skips a quarter class twice, and the third time he is not allowed to return. He is out of the class. Although some students may think it is okay to skip a class twice, a third time may seem very tempting as the temperature soars and senioritis sets in.

There is a false advantage to being a junior or a sophomore. If you get caught skipping a class three times, you can make the credit up next year, but obviously, for seniors there is not a "next year." Consequently, for some seniors making an unwise decision between skipping a class and not skipping, may return, be the decision between graduating or returning to school next year.

Changes are being made in the school attendance procedures in an effort to discourage students from skipping class. A phone call has been requested from parents if their son or daughter is ill or must be excused from school. Also, a new plan has been devised by school administrators which requires all students to have an admit to class pass or their name must be included on the list of students who were excused from class for a particular reason on that day.

Many suggestions have been discussed to detour high school students from skipping class. Certainly the problem could be alleviated if students would only use common sense when the thought of skipping arises.



Some students feel the best and most effective way to escape the frustration and hectic pace of classes in spring is to lay their heads down and sleep.

Summer vacation could be summer job

by Jane Hagedon

If you don't have a summer job by now, don't count on finding one. At least, not in New Ulm.

According to Betty Maday from the New Ulm employment office, the summer job market is very scant this year. "For several varied reasons, many New Ulm employers just aren't looking for summer help," Maday added that many of the jobs presently available are "icky" jobs such as Saturday yard work and beanwalking. "With the economy the way it is, many 'teen' jobs are being taken by adults who have been laid off or just need a few extra dollars," Maday said.

On June 9 the New Ulm employment office will sponsor "mini offices" in New Ulm and Hanska. This program, designed by the state employment office, is set up to assist people ages 12-21 in finding summer work. The mini offices will be held at the Lincoln building in New Ulm and at the Hanska Co-op in Hanska.

Applications for the Governors' Youth and CETA youth summer work

programs are still available through the guidance office or the New Ulm employment office.

Bruce Fahey, personnel director for 3M, stated that 3M is not hiring this summer, and because of an excess of inventory, some permanent 3M workers have been laid off. "If we were hiring it would only be the sons and daughters of established employees," Fahey stated.

According to the personnel director at Kraft, a few positions may be available soon. There may also be work available at McDonalds, where manager Cal Eichman stated that he was still in the process of interviewing and hiring.

Larry Kobs of the New Ulm Park and Recreation Department stated that he has been receiving "a lot of applications" from teenagers for summer work. Kobs said those who were hired by Park and Rec have already been notified. He added that the summer job situation in New Ulm was going to be "really tight" this year.

Teens face pressures of alcohol



by Phil Vorwerk

Teenagers who drink are under a lot of pressure these days.

Parents, employers, and lobbyists are all doing their best to eliminate problem drinking. Parents ground you, employers fire you, and lobbyists try to change the laws just to protect us irresponsible, hapless teens. Unfortunately, for some teenagers, drinking really is a problem.

Why do some teens abuse alcohol? Aha! You say, "It's because they are too young and just can't handle it." "I know, let's raise the age!" If not being able to handle alcohol is related to age, then why are there so many adults who can't handle alcohol? Some of the same people who are against teenagers drinking turn around and support the draft. They feel teens are too young to play with alcohol, but not too young to go to play with real bullets and real blood.

So some people feel the age should be raised. It won't work. Teenagers will always manage to obtain alcohol unless there would be stiff penalties for supplying it, but the penalty would have to be stiff. Raising the age would enhance liquor's appeal. It would become an illegal commodity. Fireworks are probably more fun and more popular in Minnesota now than when they were legal. Alcohol would

be more prestigious to possess and consume.

There is no age limit for drinking in Germany. The teenagers there say big deal to alcohol. It takes the fun out of it when any five-year old can go drink. Drinking doesn't get that aura of prestige or rebellion, and the rate of abuse is much lower in Germany and Europe than the United States.

There is a special interest committee trying to pass a law that would make drinking illegal in any place except a bar or your home. One of the supposed benefits of the law is that it would make it harder for teens to get alcohol. The law would kill most civic celebration's like Heritagefest. It would also be pointless.

It's already illegal to drive while intoxicated. It's tough to enforce just that law. If people wouldn't drink enough to be legally intoxicated for driving then people aren't drinking very much. If they do drink too much, a law already covers driving. So it's already covered unless they walk.

The only way to eliminate abuse of alcohol by people is to expose them to alcohol as children. It's no wonder some kids get the wrong idea about drinking when the only time they are exposed to it is when Mom and Dad come home from a party plastered. Don't tell children they can't have alcohol; it will just make them want it more, and they'll be able to get it eventually.

I'm not saying kids should be allowed to drink at will. Nor should we eliminate the drinking age. My point is if you change the laws on drinking, you're only trying to change what has already resulted. We shouldn't aim at what has already resulted, alcohol abuse, but aim at the causes. Bring children up with a better attitude.

Alcohol is like anything else. It can be used for good, but it becomes harmful when used in excess. If common sense about alcohol was taught in the homes, there wouldn't be so much abuse of alcohol today.

people

Wilfahrt lands German entertainment in New Ulm

by Dave Traurig

What do Manfred von Richthofen and Richard Wilfahrt have in common?

Not much. Probably nothing at all except both have become known as the Red Baron. Both came upon the title in very different ways. Von Richthofen flew to his title in World War I when he became known as Germany's "Ace of Aces." His three winged red plane shot down 80 allied planes.

Wilfahrt came upon his title eight years ago when he had to think of some Christmas entertainment. Wilfahrt never shot down 80 planes, but has shot down many people with laughs. Wilfahrt has turned the Red Baron into a comedy routine and has given himself "many good times."

Using an American-German accent, Wilfahrt has done his act some 200 times and will "continue as long as there is a demand for the Red Baron." Wilfahrt's uniform is made up of a pair of knee high boots, WW I pants, a 35 year old leather jacket, and a red scarf. To top off the uniform, he uses

an old helmet with a hunting hat inside and the top of an old flag pole on top of the helmet.

Wilfahrt explained how he brought the Red Baron to New Ulm. "A neighborhood girl came over to play records with my daughter. She played a record called "Snoopy Vs. the Red Baron." I just took it from that."

Now the Baron explains how he got to New Ulm. "When they first told me to come to New Ulm, I wondered where the heck is New Ulm, Minnesota. They told me in Berlin to point my plane towards the United States and fly. And you will know you are over New Ulm when you hear beautiful polka music. So I flew until I heard the beautiful polka music." In his American-German accent he describes his landing while rubbing his seat. "When I landed, I landed on Herman's sword. Oh, that hurts!"

During his routine Wilfahrt talks about New Ulm and the Red Baron's army career. "I use mostly my material during the program. Then I throw in some gags from WW II that I heard. I keep all the gags clean, but throw in a



Richard Wilfahrt, the Red Baron, Germany's "Ace of Aces," has the unique knack of making people laugh. Von Richthofen's colorful outfit adds an extra touch to his comedy routine.



Cathy Hartten, this month's BWOC, is a special person with a bubbly personality who "gets along with absolutely everyone."

Hartten is bubbly BWOC

by Bonnie Flaig

As president of the Drama Club, many people know Cathy Hartten from the many stage appearances she's made. But she's also one of the friendliest, most bubbly characters to be seen during any day at NUHS. She is this month's BWOC.

Her classmates use words like "intelligent, sweet and funny", and as someone who "gets along with absolutely everyone."

Being active in drama club, participating on the tennis team, and being a cheerleader for hockey have been some of Hartten's activities in the past three years.

"Cathy really puts herself into the everything she's involved in," remarked a fellow senior.

Hartten's eyes light up and a smile flashes across her face when she recalls one of her favorite moments of high school. "It was when I was the MC for the variety show last year dressed as Mickey Mouse! I had a lot of fun," she said.

She also remembers scheduling classes for the first time as a freshman. Even though groans of protest and sighs of bewilderment were heard from classmates, Hartten remembers thinking that scheduling was "pretty neat."

If she could give any advice to teenagers who are just entering high

school, Hartten would tell them to get the most out of all their classes, even the difficult ones.

But she also feels that kids should never get too wrapped up and worried about their schoolwork. They should always take the time to enjoy other things, too.

Hartten does not feel like she'll be leaving her friends behind at graduation because she plans to keep in touch with them.

The ending of her high school days is actually something that Hartten looks forward to because she is anxious to continue her life. Her plans include an "exciting future."

After returning from a trip to Germany with Menagerie last summer, Hartten was so impressed with the country that she checked into the possibility of going back. After learning the German language "quick-like," Hartten is tentatively scheduled to leave for Germany in August for a year as an exchange student.

It takes a special kind of person to follow a dream all the way across the ocean.

Hartten will attend school in St. Olaf after her return from Germany. She is undecided about a major but knows she'll "have a good time."

little blue smoke to keep the people guessing," stated Wilfahrt.

The Red Baron has appeared about 200 times at private parties and other social functions throughout southern Minnesota. From Duluth to Mitchell, South Dakota, to Postville, Iowa, the Red Baron has spread his good cheer.

"I've performed at banquets, weddings, service clubs, private parties, and class reunions. I used to go out three to four times a month, but now it's once a month. My routine works the best with an adult group. It really works well with the older Germans in town, those who understand the German dialect. I once did it for a group of Germans. This made me nervous because he is a hero in Germany and I

was making fun of him, but they loved it."

Wilfahrt was born in New Ulm and has lived here all his life. He has entertainment in his blood; his father was Whoopee John, who is famous for his polka music. While not flying as the Red Baron, Wilfahrt works at the 3M company. Also, for a week in July Wilfahrt becomes the Festmeister for Heritagefest and starts the activities by tapping the first keg of beer. Wilfahrt has also been honored several times by speaking at Memorial Day services at the cemetery.

"I enjoy people laughing; it makes me feel good. I hope to do it many more times."

Jenson says kids keep him young

by George Hudak

A popular teacher among the New Ulm High School staff is Bob Jenson. Jenson has what he calls a rural-urban background, having lived in both the country and the city during his childhood. After he was graduated from a Minneapolis high school, Jenson served several years in the navy. When his service hitch was over, he returned to Minneapolis and served as an Assistant Court Reporter for the Hennepin County Probate Court.

Jenson's education is also varied. He attended Gustavus Adolphus College and the University of Minnesota. He was a triple major in college, focusing his work in speech, English, and social studies. During college he was also involved in theatre, radio, and student government. Jenson has also done graduate work at the University of Minnesota and at Columbia University in New York City.

Of the twenty-nine years that Jenson has been teaching, twenty-two have been in New Ulm. Previous to his teaching in New Ulm, he has taught in the Nashwauk-Keewatin school district on the iron range, in Sleepy Eye, and in Redwood Falls.

His favorite subjects to teach are composition and speech. He likes to teach writing because he has had some success in the classroom and enjoys writing himself. He feels that speech is a type of art form and uses examples of the theater in his classroom activities. Jenson feels that students need more of these writing and theater arts skills.

Jenson has several special interests outside of school including woodworking, collecting antiques, and growing plants in his garden. As a result of collecting antiques, he has become somewhat of a history buff. He also enjoys attending auctions.

Traveling is another enjoyable pastime for Jenson. He has traveled to Europe, England, and has been to Mexico several times.

One of his favorite places is his lake cabin in northern Minnesota. He enjoys the cabin because he likes nature. He frequently takes walks through the woods near his summer residence. At the cabin he can do other things which he enjoys, such as, swimming and boating. Occasionally he enjoys shooting a pistol at a target and testing his marksmanship.

Jenson enjoys teaching. He feels that one of the best ways to teach is to encourage open discussions in which everybody can participate. Getting involved in activities is also important. He feels that being involved with people is more important than the grade one attains in class.

"Why does Mr. Jenson smile so much?" is a question often heard in the corridor of the Annex. His answer to that question is that a smile can help a person's attitude and make him more receptive to you. "A smile does a lot."

Jenson enjoys being around students. "Kids help keep you young." Although he has the appearance of an adult, he says he still feels like a kid.



Ed Heille, a long-time career teacher at NUHS, is currently recovering at home from a series of operations at the Mayo Clinic. He will resume his teaching duties next fall. Bob Jenson, pictured below, also had major surgery at the Mayo Clinic, but his speedy recovery permitted him to return to school on May 5.

Future Assistant Principal expresses ideas on discipline

by Kim Schmiesing

On July 1 of this year, Ed Donahue will assume the position of Assistant Principal of New Ulm High School.

Donahue is currently an administrative assistant at Mankato East High School. He also teaches three classes of Sophomore English at East. As an administrative assistant, Donahue's duties include student discipline at Mankato East.

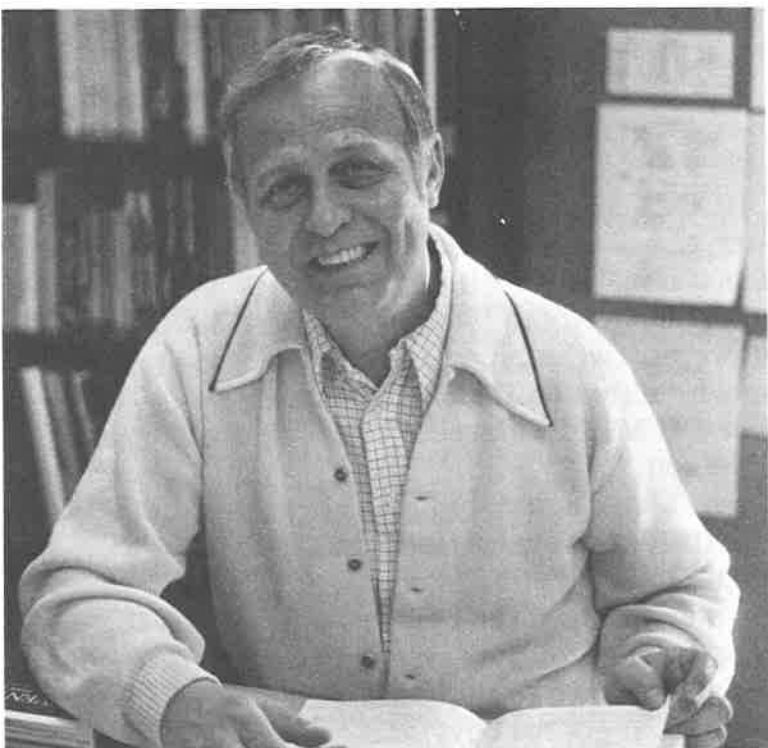
During the summer Donahue will work with New Ulm High School's principal, Dave Stead, in preparation for the 1980-81 school year. Donahue said he is looking forward to next year.

In the fall when Donahue will begin working with students, he will make changes if any are necessary. However, at this point he does not feel any are necessary because New Ulm has a good

education program. Donahue said his main concern will be in keeping a quality education program in New Ulm.

Donahue feels being involved in student discipline is a difficult role to play. He thinks it always has been. He added, however, that it is an important and necessary part of a school. Donahue does not think that discipline has become more or less difficult over the years, but the way in which discipline is handled has changed. Students are dealt with in different methods today than they were in the past.

Donahue said he does not intend to be "an arm of the local police" next year at New Ulm High School. He wants to administer discipline fairly and justly so that discipline is something the students can live with.



Bob Jenson feels one of the best ways to teach is to encourage open discussions among students in his classes.

Foreign Language Club has become "outspoken"

by Lisa Peterson

The Foreign Language Club has not been widely known. It has always remained rather small and discreet. Contrary to popular belief, ability to speak a foreign language is preferred, but not required to belong to the club. The Foreign Language Club is actually more of a social club than anything else. The members just get together to have fun!

This year the club has been a little more "out spoken" than in the past. March was Foreign Language Month, and to celebrate the occasion, everyone in the club dressed up each Friday of that month. They made

posters for recognition — ones that said things like "Smile if you speak a foreign language!" (If you didn't notice the poster, did you just think certain people were happier in that area of the school?) They also had one day that month on which they tried to speak their foreign language the whole school day. (If English was foreign to them, that didn't count!)

Occasionally they hold meetings in the morning before school and plan activities. The Barn Burner eating day at Happy Joe's and a picnic and camping at Flandrau in May were some of their events. At their Christmas party each member brought a foreign dish. Maybe the main thing the Foreign Language Club has in common is hunger!

Seniors couldn't BARRET any MOORE

Names dropped on trip to Valley FIER

I would like to dedicate my last and longest Graphos article to my mother. Her support, inspiration, and, most importantly, her nimble fingers made it possible to complete my articles no more than a week after their due date. Thanks, Mom, I always knew you liked me best.

by Mike Ostrom

We just couldn't BARRET any MOORE. We were tREIN HART to keep our composure BUTT we were on the BRINK, MAN of attacking the high-REINKING administrators at NUHS.

The Class of '80 just had to LEEve or we'd lose our MEINZ ER worse, our CORDESy to our teachers. So on that DEHN May, the month of YOUNG love and BLOMing flowers, we all decided to skip and travel to Valley FIER and the new zoo to ZETAH animals. The word was passed through the grapevine to meet at TRAUlich Estates with vehicles, supplies and any SCHILLINGS needed for the day.

The DAVIS very nice for our cross-KONTERy trip and about 8:00 A.M. (noBODE was an early REISER) the CARs and DA Seniors started ROLLing OFF the main drag. There were cars of all models. UL the RICH kids had their Cadillacs. VATH and GRONHOLZ STOL TEeny go-KARTES just so they'd be UBL to KAMM with us. ZANGEL had BAUERed his PAA'S VAN and it already had a WINKLE in the body. HUBERT drove up in a jalopy but it was BENTDAHL to HEIL just like Butch's mind. There was also a LILLE ODEN called a LeCar that fits in the glove compartment of a caddy. Something waSCH MEISING from this gathering of Seniors — a fight.

OSBERG HAALAd, "SCHNOBRICH, when are you gonn get WEIS EN SEL that BASTIANd heap?"

"Only WEND IN GEReat financial distress and clam up before you get cold-KUCKed."

Ozzie replied, "KAMM over here and I'll HOF MEI STERong arms around your neck in a full NELSON not just a HOFF-Nelson either, MANN." They began SCHOOFinG each other around. "Ozzie's being beaten up BRUDELIE," yelled Mr. PETERS.

"HEL GET killed!" shouted PETER's SON. "Remember, Thou SCHULTZ not kill", yelled Peter's oTHOR SON.

However, good SENS KEpt the boys in line and the scuffle ended when Ozzie stuck his KEYES up GREGG'S nose to teach AS a LESON. Meanwhile, the girls were more interested in their comrade's appearances.

The sun was out so mOST ROM-of-the-mill girls were wearing SCHWARTZ, yet one TACKE girl was wearing GRUBby jeans on ER legs. The girls asked her why and she replied, "I got NUPS ON my legs because by BLOED was dEL this morning." "I'll show ya."

"Your legs LUC AS if your SCHAEFER hasn't touched your LEG ARE in days. Look, that HARR IS two inches long," said one uncouth girl.

"HA, GE DONTown and GITT ER a blade that isn't DALL, MAN before I lose my breakfast," yelled MANDELKOW.

"Oh, stop being RUDe or ELLse I'll KUCK you where you'll need KRETSCHes to WALK, SER!"

Some of the girls took advantage of the sun as they waited for the take-off.

For the best tan, one girl looked right at the sun's REys WITZ ER eyes. Soon her eyes became SOR EN the SON so she had to put cotton SCHWABS over them. Most girls just covered their bodies with greasy SEV, ICK!!

Finally, everyone had arrived and the seniors all checked their cargo. One girl packed like she was going to BI AN CHicago for a week. She brought a BRANDT new pERKELator, a HAMILTON Beach blender, a case of PERRYer water and all sorts of cold cuts.

VELLENGA said, "Hey, that food's gonna SPERL."

She replied, "No it isn't, I also brought my small reFRITSCHeator in case the WINDSCHITL lets up."

RUNCK brought some GULDEN BROWN french fries from MACDOUGALL'S. One aspiring doctor said, "If you HOGG ATT all down, you'll increase your PAULS ONd get HARTTENing of the arteries."

RODEWALD had just BOTTEN FIELD glasses and through them saw some guys chugging HOL STEINs of MILLER beer. Gary yelled, "HU DAK over there PUTN AM away so fast. Is that AHL NESSesary? ACH, MAN, why don't you put those STEINs BACH?" Of course, they did BUTT you could tell they were affected, cause they CONTAG very well. Finally, everyone was ready and MACHO said, "Let's blow Dodge."

So we all KRALed into our cars to leave our WIE LAND to SEIMER than the Herman TAUER. We started off by honking our HORNs ER anything else that made noise. We had WENDLER as our LEIDER which was our FORST mistake. "Are you ALL EN?" our leader asked which fell upon deaf ears.

"HULS EY gonna lead us?" asked STIMPert.

"He's got, Gert, this St. BERNARDY as his co-pilot", answered TRAUrig.

Actually, Joel was chosen because he claimed he knew a shortcut. He successfully led us past K-MART EN soon we were in and through KLOSSNER and over FOR BROOKS. It wasn't too PFARR after the fourth brook that Joel faltered.

"HALT, MANN!" Joel yelled. "I've been REEDing the signs and I've decided to take this road — REITTER or wrong!"

"RING his neck!!!" shouted the supportive seniors.

So Joel took the road and suddenly, Ka-Boom. It was like God in his ROTH had put an ice BERG in the road. Yes, Joel's car had fallen into an enormous DUETSCH followed by all the cars in the caravan. Amidst the GRUNERTS and groans of the seniors, Joel muttered, "Oh no, my image AL Be RECHT!"

Yes, Joel had taken the entire caravan and RANN It a GERound. The seniors were in DAUER trouble and Joel was LOHMAN on the TOLTZMAN pole. Even Gert scowled at his master. "Oh, BUG off GERT before I give ya a sMCKENZIE snoot!" yelled Joel. "I don't care if I'm in a BIND ER not I've got to try to get out." Joel muttered. He got out to BUSHARD so as to get out of the ditch but to no avail. At this time, even the unflappable Jon SENUM was heard repeating, "There's no place like HOLM. There's no place like HOLM!" Exit Joel WENDLER as leader and enter Marty HITCHCOCK.

HITCHCOCK led the dismayed seniors down a road looking for help. They came upon a FISCHERman, his girlfriend AND ER SON who was a little FRISKE. Hitchcock asked, "Could you LUND us a map to try to find our way back to civilization."

"Well, we can't write but my OL dest SON can draw one for ya." he answered. So the son DREW uS a map.

"Let me DO MEI ERithmetic. That'll be \$45.00, please," commanded the son.

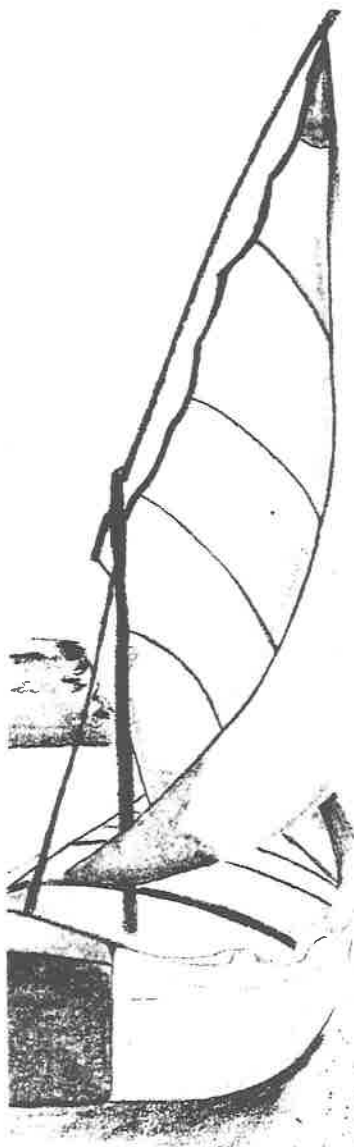
With that, Marty dumped in the fisherman's McCREAfish and cock ROEGIERs bait over the son's head and wrote it off as one of his good DIETZ for the day.

They continued down the road toward Valley FIER when Leo FLECK proclaimed, "I can't wait to get a HEALYum balloon." Just then the boys spied a voluptuous BODE walking towards them. HER ZOGgy shirt got the boys' aGENELIN FROEHLING.

"HAUSER face?" asked HILLESHEIM.

"I dunno but I'd like to put my arms around her and HAG ER," said HANSEN. Well, like high school boys usually do, the GIESE KEpt sneering until they FORST ER to run off into the woods.

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PATTERNS 1980

Literary magazine patterns those to follow

by Kim Hoggatt

It is not often that New Ulm High School students are offered the chance to show their abilities in the visual and written arts. This spring students were given the opportunity to display their skills when the high school produced a literary magazine **Patterns**.

The student publication was pleasant to look at and enlightening to read. The magazine was filled with artistic drawings, ingenious poems, and clever quips. Students voluntarily submitted the work displayed in the magazine.

The art work shown in **Patterns** was created by students who have participated in art class sometime during this school year. The art work exhibited in the magazine was a combination of still life and landscape ink drawings and some charcoal sketches of varying subjects. The art work selected was of excellent quality, but perhaps a wider variety of medium and subject might have added to the quality of the magazine.

Patterns gave young artists in the high school a chance to exhibit some of their work. Lisa Peterson submitted an ink drawing of a peaceful lake lying in the midst of smooth, rounded mountains. Ink can be a hard medium to control, but Lisa effectively combined ink and her talents to create a pleasant art piece. Bonnie Bianchi entered a still life drawing done in pencil. The objects featured in the drawing related to Bonnie's interest in her cows. The shading techniques shown in the still life were extraordinary.

Featured on the cover of the magazine is a charcoal sketch of a sailboat on the shore of the sea done by

Penny Weis. Weis also had a pencil sketch of a girl that was displayed in the magazine. Both of her drawings showed superior artistic talent.

The literary content of **Patterns** ranged from words of love to a cradle prayer. The literary works consisted of poems and a few humorous quips. There were poems that emanated philosophical and emotional ideas which required the reader to think of what the author was experiencing while writing the poem. Other poems were humorous and entertained the reader.

The poems printed in the magazine were written by high school students who wished to have their poems read by others. Vicki O'Malley wrote poems expressing love. "I Love You" depicted the feelings that everyone experiences when they fall in and out of love. Raelee Klotz took a look at the humorous side of love with her clever phrases. Nature's beauty was expressed through the words of Sue Stolte, who effectively encouraged the reader to think about her poems by signifying how people tend to take nature's simple yet breathtaking beauty for granted.

Arlene Burke and Richard Meyer, the faculty advisors of **Patterns**, and those who contributed to the magazine, succeeded in producing the first edition of **Patterns** magazine that displayed the works of talented students in the visual and written arts. But there is always room for improvement in the variety of art work, the range of literary work, and the most important element, participation. Improvement often comes from experience, and with an excellent beginning, the future issues of **Patterns** will be something to look forward to.

Education Fair successful

by Rachel Meyer

Where could you find out that one bushel of corn can produce 53 boxes of Corn Flakes? Or the proper method of CPR? Or see a computer demonstration? In the NUHS gym on April 11, these and many other displays could be viewed as part of an Education Fair. It was open to the public and was well attended.

A major part of the Fair was a display of artwork by Miss Burke's Art I and Art II students. The art displays included batiks, block prints, ink drawings, charcoal drawings, and pencil drawings among other types of artwork. The artistic talents of many NUHS students were included in the showing.

The Music Department got involved in the fair by providing musical entertainment for the visitors. Student musicians played and sang a variety of music with several ensembles participating.

Anyone for a crepe? The Home Economics Department sold cherry and apple crepes for \$1.00 a piece. Different consumer education facts and a variety of sewing and needlecraft projects were presented.

The physics students demonstrated some of their projects for those with an interest in that area. The math and computer departments also had displays.

The Future Farmers of America displayed some interesting facts. Did you know that one hen will lay one egg for about 240 days a year-equivalent to 20 egg cartons?

Drafting and electronics students set up and demonstrated various displays from the industrial arts department. The Foreign Language Club also got into the act with a display of their group and its activities.

Bob Kuhlman manned the CPR instructions in the physical education display. Girls were especially welcomed by Kuhlman. The department also had a slide presentation of various activities enjoyed by NUHS phys. ed. students.

What do Jimmy Carter, John Anderson, and Tony Hudson have in



Exhibited at the school Education Fair was a crepe sale sponsored by the FHA.

common? They all were top victors in the presidential primary set up by the social studies department. Carter led in the Democratic race, Anderson held the majority of votes in the Republican battle, and Tony Hudson came up the winner in the write-in category. Good luck in November, Tony!

The Special Education Department provided the public with a work adjustment display. Students were directly involved and demonstrated different items. The Globe Theater model, familiar to Drama and Shakespeare students, was on display in the English Department's corner.

The Education Fair 1980 was considered a success by all involved and plans for its continuation next year are being discussed by appropriate school personnel.



In addition to the several exhibition booths at the Education Fair, batiks, paintings, and drawings were also displayed by art students.

Showcase of talents presented in "The Way We Are"

by Cathy Gulden

This year, instead of the usual spring play, some interested students got together and put on a talent show. The show entitled "The Way We Are" was performed April 11th and 12th at the Junior High Auditorium.

A wide variety of people made the talent show possible. It was directed by Carol Ackerson, who was assisted by Jim Quiggle and Kim Thompson. Mike Roelofs and his stage crew created the decorative scenery. Dan Digre and Curt Iverson were the musical instructors. Pat McDonald and the Distributive Education class were responsible for publicity and ticket sales. Of course, the greatest contribution was the talent of the students themselves.

The show, hosted by the Sax Symbols, two anonymous beauties clad in shimmering head-to-toe lycra sacks, contained an appealing variety of talent.

Many different dances were exhibited, from the modern jazz moves of Julie Lindeman, Lori Mogen, Grace Stabell, and Deb Sjobeck to the Polka Hop performed by Chris Aschenbrenner and Barry Roth. In addition, there was a tap number by Deb Ubl and a Spanish folk dance performed by Pegeen Ranniger and Marlene Hamilton.

Beautiful voices rang through the air as the vocal talents of Katey Carthey, Ronda Block, and Kris Ryberg were displayed. Also exhibiting their talent was The Barber Shop Quartet consisting of Barry Roth, Tad Thompson, Pat Brown, and Chap Hiza.

There was time for reminiscing as Bonnie Windschitl played "Down Memory Lane," a piano medley. Scenes from the halls and classrooms of NUHS were flashed on the screen as Kris Ryberg and Barry Roth sang "The Way We Were."

James Thurber's fable "The Moth and the Star," an experiment in improvisational theatre, was performed by the Not Ready for Mime Time Players. Additional mime acts were performed by Pegeen Ranniger, Kim



"Stage" vocalist, Tracy Miklas, sang at the talent show.

Palmer, and Diane Bierbam, along with a short act involving Skip Radke and Dan Skillings entitled "The Question."

Ann Rae Anderson brought a bit of culture to the stage as she played the "Concerto in G Major" on her viola. Meanwhile "The Funky Schuffle" was played by a band dubbed The Pits. The talent show was brought to a close when the rock band Wild Turkey gave a rousing performance.

The talent show's wide appeal drew a large audience. The students involved in the show put in six weeks of practice with each act practicing once a week. The intent of the Way We Are was to try something a little out of the ordinary while at the same time showcasing the talents and abilities of the NUHS student body.



A wide variety of talents were displayed by students at the talent show, which included an appearance of this band led by Terry Richter.

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Just as the troops were beginning to DRAGE, they spied a Dairy Queen. They decided to stop in for some MIELKE sHAKES and ice cream KUNZ with KNUTS ON top. Most of the seniors gave Marty their money as he was TOBIAS the food but Jay SIEVERT jumped in front of him for some eats.

When Jay got his enormous order, people knew that he was STOERING food for the trip to find Valley FIER. As all the girls were adMEYERING Jay's appetite, a BURD fell ORF a tree onto his table. He merely said, "Oh, a BURD--ICK! and promptly threw it at the girls.

"I feel like a NEU MANN," Jay exclaimed as he began to wipe his face when some KLOTZ bumped him. Jay's face turned green and he said, "OH, I SWALD my napkin!" "Burp!"

Marty asked the owner if he knew how to get to Valley FIER.

"Oh, sure, it's just four blocks down this road," he replied.

The seniors went into HESSterics. They had faced their CURRENT plight and by walking their BRUNS off, they had defeated it. Oh, what joy! They knew that they were prepared for the world because they could face adversity and conquer it.

However, their joy was short-lived as the owner of the Dairy Queen shot down their balloon with one sentence.

"No ofFENS KEds, but Valley FIER doesn't open until June!"

To which one can only say, "Take cover, world, cause here we come!"

Computer fears diminished

by John Marti

One part of the senior high curriculum is computer sciences. Little is known of the mysterious computer room where exotic languages are spoken. With a little information one need not fear this temple of technology.

The computer era came to New Ulm in 1968. Two professors from Mankato State University recognized the need for computer education among high school students and proposed the formation of a computer group, now known as the Southwest Computer Group. The District No. 88 school board along with the two professors agreed to proceed with the project. Conrad Trapp was named the system's coordinator for New Ulm.

After reviewing several computer systems, the Southwest Computer Group joined Honeywell's for three years. At this time, fourteen students were enrolled in the computer class at New Ulm. Many of these original students have continued in the field of computer sciences.

In the first years many problems confronted the students. Trouble with getting on line with the computer and little on line time were just a few of those initial problems.

After rapid increase in the number of schools joining the Southwest Computer Group, a larger and more efficient computer was needed. A Univac system was chosen. This system lasted for four years.

At this time a doctorate thesis by John Huago proposed the formation of a state wide educational computer network. This proposal led to the formulation of MECC, the Minnesota Educational Computer Consortium. A single computer from Control Data, a Cyber series, was chosen. This computer is one of the largest and most sophisticated in the world. Located in Minneapolis, the computer has functioned excellently. There are approximately 1,000 programs stored in the system at this time. These programs in-

clude games, probability models, and simulations to help in business administration.

Perhaps the most important goal of computer education is trying to get the student to understand how the computer affects society, the individual, and his daily life. Many people do not realize how big a part the computer plays in their existence.

Several obvious goals of New Ulm's program include giving the student an idea how computers work, how they were developed, and how to operate the computer. With computers playing an ever increasing part in our lives, it is inevitable that almost everyone will come in direct contact with a computer in the future.

To operate the computer, one must know a computer language in which a computer communicates. These languages include Basic, Fortran, and Cobol. These are also the exotic languages the computer science student uses in the mysterious computer room.

The student must develop the ability to communicate technical information in a organized method with clear commands. He must also know how to run programs which the computer has already stored.

Many people think of the computer as a complicated monstrosity requiring a college education to operate it. Not so. There are two programs in the computer which can help every student. These two give insight to career decisions and provide information on colleges, trade schools, and vocational institutes.

Predictions indicate computers could become available to every classroom. Instead of a blackboard, there would be a computer terminal. The principal's office would not need to depend on the absence slip to tell who skips school. A press of a terminal key would be the only action required for such information. The tedious and menial jobs that take up so much of a teacher's time could be computerized. This use of a computer could cut down on costs and time and let the teacher spend more time teaching.

Anticipation, nostalgia, and graduation approach

by Ann Forst

Graduation for the "Class of 1980" has finally arrived; the signs are everywhere — last minute research papers are being written, final tests are being taken, and graduation pictures are appearing daily in local newspapers.

One senior described graduation as "a time to leave and move on to bigger and better things." While another felt "a little scared of the future, but yet glad to be on her own and make decisions about her future."

There are several essential activities centering on graduation for the 324 senior class members.

A required senior breakfast is tentatively planned for Wednesday, May 28, at 8:45 a.m. in the school cafeteria. The breakfast will be the last chance seniors will have to reminisce, perhaps, joke about whatever surreptitious acts they may have gotten by with, or listen to accounts of old stories repeated by friends. After a number of "fun awards" are presented to deserving members of the class, seniors will proceed to Johnson Park for the practice of the graduation ceremony. Also on May 28, tickets for four reserve seats will be given to each graduate, and he, in turn, may give them to parents, brothers and sisters, or whomever he chooses.

Graduation ceremonies will be held on Thursday evening, May 29, at 8 p.m. at Johnson Park, weather permitting. A senior and a high school teacher, both chosen by the senior class, will speak at the ceremonies. Both Varsity and Concert Bands and the Concert Choir are scheduled to perform at this special evening event.

For the seniors, dressed in purple caps and gowns, May 29, 1980, will mark the day when another step is taken in life toward a personal goal each individual may have. It will be the final time all the graduating seniors

will be together because after the evening ceremonies are completed everyone will go his separate ways.

Several seniors were asked what they liked most about high school and as suspected many replied that "senior free hours are the best," but on a more serious note, most confessed "friendships and memories will always be the best." In talking with some members of the graduating class, the unanimous reply to the inquiry as to what they will miss the most from school was, "I'm gonna miss my friends."

Graduation from high school is a unique experience and an occasion because the air is filled with many emotions including fear, nervousness, joy, and relief. Many students speak nostalgically of past tales with few regrets and yet earnestly anticipate the future.



Next year's editors Ann Forst and Phil Vorwerk would like to see "A Behind the Scenes" section in the Graphos that would recognize those people who make contributions to their school or community but have not received much exposure for their efforts.

New editors have job "laid out"

by George Hudak

Ann Forst and Phil Vorwerk will be the new editors of the Graphos for the 1980-81 school year. They will replace Kim Schmiesing and Mark Hulsey, who will both be graduating at the end of the present school year.

Forst began writing for the Graphos in March of 1979. This year she was a regular columnist for the paper. Forst feels that the Graphos has an easy to read layout and says there will be no drastic changes in the paper. The changes she would like to see next year are the addition of several new columns and "A Behind the Scenes" section to supplement the People Section.

The Graphos has several objectives according to Forst. She feels the paper should inform students of school activities. She feels the paper should give the students a personal view of what is happening in the school. The purpose of this information is to give the students a better idea of the activities going on in school.

Beside the Graphos, Forst is involved in student council and the Of-

fice COOP program.

Phil Vorwerk began to write for the paper in September, 1979. He wrote a column which regularly included community oriented subjects such as the glockenspiel and the merger of the Union and Loretto hospitals.

Vorwerk agrees with the changes anticipated by Forst. He maintains that the Graphos should be objective in its point of view and should not be a rah-rah newspaper that engages in boosterism.

He feels the paper should be only mildly entertaining. Vorwerk feels the purpose of the paper should be twofold: getting students to think about the subjects that are important to them and their community and giving the staff of the paper experience in writing and interviewing people.

Vorwerk is looking forward to editing the Graphos. He enjoys writing and is enthusiastic about being responsible for selecting what will be included in each issue of next year's Graphos. Vorwerk is also involved in band, choir, and tennis.

Prom remains cherished tradition to many

by Lorie Mogen

Along with winter's thaw and fresh spring breezes, comes the turning of a young person's heart to subjects other than school. Probably the most important thought in the back of a young person's mind about this time of the year is "Who am I gonna go to the prom with?"

Yes, friends, spring has busted into bloom once more, and with it comes the heart-breaking task of finding a date for prom. Looking up or down the hallways of NUHS, one can see countless individuals hesitantly hinting of their availability for the annual spring event.

But is prom really important to NUHS students? Or is it a social function that is quickly going out of style.

An answer can be found by asking the students themselves.

Just about every "in-coming" sophomore girl feels the spring prom is ultimately the most important event of a lifetime. Most look forward to their chance to try and rope an older guy into taking them. As for the sophomore guys, "NO COMMENT."

The current sophomores have mixed feelings about this sometime's controversial social event. To some of the girls prom is something that will have to wait until next year when they can ask someone themselves or perhaps start earlier in search of a date. To the ones who are going, prom is a scary and nervous thought. But, all in all, the typical sophomore girl has a strong desire to attend the prom.

Because prom is open to juniors as well as seniors, this year's juniors have a lot to say about prom. Some of the girls who attended prom as sophomores feel that parts of the evening aren't what they're cracked up to be. The girls who haven't attended before feel excited about going because this year they are able to ask a special guy to go if he doesn't ask first. As for the junior guys, well, it would be an understatement to say they are nervous about going. This is the first year a guy has the chance to ask a girl to the prom, and many junior guys are going.

Most of the seniors have already attended one or more of the spring proms. Many seniors feel that the importance of prom has lessened. The evening is still looked forward to, but for some the glitter has disappeared. Of course, there is still the occasional

senior who hasn't gone and is as excited about it as anybody.

Some very important things about prom came up when talking about it with NUHS students. One big factor was the meal. Most who had attended before felt that the price of the dinner was far too high when the quality of the food is considered. In fact, many prom-bound couples have skipped the meal and attended only the Grand March and the dance. Most of these people, however, said they would have attended the dinner if the quality of the food was better. Something to think about.

In hearing all the ideas about prom, one can see that at NUHS this spring event is still special in the minds of many students, and should remain a memorable experience for generations of students.

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Although the girls' track team has faced a tough conference schedule, they placed first in the Redwood Falls Invitational.

Girls run metric for first season

by Mary Moriarty

Adjustment to changes and South Central Conference powers Waseca and St. James have tested the New Ulm Girls' Track Team this spring.

Certainly a pleasant difference is the addition of an eight-lane all-weather track, which, according to athletic director Cliff Anderson, can be used in any kind of weather. It requires less maintenance and lessens the severity of falls. Anderson also commented that the new track is color coded, which makes it less confusing for the competitors. Hopefully, every track in the state will be standardized in this way.

Senior co-captain Kris Bloedel mentioned that the track is softer and easier to run on. When asked if times had improved on the track, Anderson stated that it was hard to tell because this has been the first year that all events are metric so he has nothing with which to compare them.

Not only has the metric system infiltrated the track world, but there are also variations of several events. Two more hurdles have been added to the old 165 yard course and a longer 200

meter course is now run. The shotput is now 4 kilos, 13 ounces more than the original eight pounds, and all running events are recorded in meters instead of yards. Bloedel, who competes in the 800 meter event, likes metrics because the distances are shorter, and it gives one a lift psychologically.

All changes aside, the girls faced a tough conference schedule against Fairmont and St. Peter, whom they have beaten, and St. James and Waseca, the conference powers who defeated the Eagles. They did not meet Wells and Blue Earth as of this writing.

A highlight of the season took place on May 1 when the Eagles defeated six other teams to win the Redwood Falls Invitational. Coach Ev Steffel was pleased with the total team effort as both girls entered in each event placed in all but three of the fifteen events. First place finishers awarded medals in the invitational were Kris Traurig in the 100 and 200 meter dashes, Kris Bloedel in the discus, Patty Wieland in the high jump, and the team of Cindy Fiemeyer, Lisa Schapekahn, Marsha Rieck, and Kris Traurig in the 400 meter relay.

Tribute to athletes of the year

Senske's Sports Sense



by Eric Senske

At the New Ulm Club's annual Athletic Banquet on Saturday, April 19, Terry Steinbach and Patti Wieland were honored as New Ulm High School's male and female athletes of the year. Certainly they are worthy of the tribute.

What can I say about Terry Steinbach that hasn't already been said? Reading his list of accomplishments can be likened to reading a long litany. He has lettered for two years in cross country; for four years in hockey, the past year as captain; and four years in baseball, this year as captain. He has been named all-conference in hockey three times and in baseball twice — and probably for a third time this spring.

As a hockey player, Steinbach holds the school record for goals scored (99) and total points (174). He was selected to the WCCO Team of the Week once this season.

In baseball, he is a phenomenal hitter, possibly the best high school hitter in the state. Coach Jim Senske calls Steinbach "the best hitter to play for NUHS in 20 years." Steinbach has also been the "ace" of the pitching staff for two seasons.

Steinbach's plans for the future include major college baseball. In-



Terry Steinbach

numerable coaches have been knocking at his door, but he has finally decided to join brothers Tim and Tom at the University of Minnesota, where he will receive a full ride for his baseball ability.

Lesser known, but likewise impressive, are the credentials of Patti Wieland. Last fall she captained the girls volleyball team, earning her sec-

ond letter in that sport. She capped the season by being named to the South Central All Conference Volleyball Team.

In the winter, Wieland turned to gymnastics. As co-captain of the girls' gymnastics team, she earned her fourth letter in that sport this winter. She was also a participant in the Region 2AA gymnastics meet.

This spring Wieland is focusing on track, where she should win her third letter. Last spring she set a school record in the girls' high jump at 5'1". She hopes to at least equal that mark this spring.

Obviously, girls' sports do not receive the same recognition as boys'



Patti Wieland

sports. I asked Wieland if this situation bothers her. She answered with a question: "Would it bother the guys if it were the other way around?" It would bother me.

Wieland plans to attend Hamline University next fall, where she intends to continue her volleyball and track careers.

I think most of you will join me in praising the New Ulm Club's selection committee on a job well done.

Well, another year is coming to an end. Only this time it's different — this time I won't be coming back. It's a strange feeling.

There are many things which I look forward to. I won't have to worry about missing crucial jumpshots or freethrows, about striking out with the bases loaded or about serving up my renowned "gopher balls" and suffering the consequential whiplashes from dad.

I will, however, have many fond memories of my high school years, and there are many things which I will miss. Nothing can match the feelings I had when all my shots were falling, when all my hits were dropping, and when my pitches were all where I wanted them. And I'll always remember Coach Toltzman's pre-game pep talks before basketball games.

But I guess it's time to move on. Oh, one more good thing — I'll never have to come up with another excuse as to why I didn't make the GRAPHOS deadline.

Baseball talent rebuilds Eagle team

by Gwen Breu

With the coming of the spring season New Ulm teams look forward to one of the most popular sports in town, high school baseball.

New Ulm Senior High has always been known for their strong, competitive and winning baseball teams. This year seems to be no exception with nine lettermen returning from last year's powerful team. Even so, many people have labeled this year as a rebuilding year for the Eagle baseball team. But as Coach Senske stated, "This is a rebuilding year for the team, but it is a team that is full of talent."

Team talent is evident by the ex-

cellent record is 15 wins two losses as of this writing. New Ulm's only two losses were at the hands of Waseca. However, the baseball team has handled the other South Central conference foes: Fairmont, St. Peter, Blue Earth, Wells, and St. James.

Besides New Ulm's regular conference schedule they have also played several nonconference teams. In fact, the team participated in a Saturday tournament at Northfield and took home the first place trophy.

With the high school baseball season already in its late stages, the Eagle baseball team of 1980 have continued the school's winning tradition, but then Eagle baseball fans and players expect to win every year.



With sixty-five boys participating in track, competition for positions on the team is sometimes as tough as competition during a meet.

Tracksters are pleased with all-weather facility

by Sue Kunz

With a new all-weather track and record breaking spring weather, the boys' track team has had an enjoyable season this year.

Even though they didn't have a winning season, coach Skip Davis stressed that it was a good time. He felt the highlight was that 65 boys reported for track. The large number created competition for almost every position on the team.

Davis looked at this year as being a positive one. He didn't think there was any "super-star" but mentioned brothers, Brad and Bruce Bushard,

who consistently contributed points throughout the season. Even though there were only 10 seniors, Davis thought they were a super bunch to work with and were a big asset to the team. Brad Bushard, Dave Taurig, Mark Hulsey, Ed Sagmoen, Jeff Albrecht, Landon Vath, Randy Hager, Pat Herzog, Doug Dallmann, and Steve Anderson are the seniors cited by Davis.

The new track definitely has had a positive effect on the team this season.

There was anticipation last fall at the thought of using the new all weather surface for the first time. And Davis liked the fact that the coaches didn't have to chalk the lanes for every meet.



Jenny Coyle, a senior member of the girls' softball team, heads for first while Coach Pearson watches the ball from his coaching position at third base.



From the action occurring at third base during this home game with Wells, one can see why baseball is a favorite spring sport at New Ulm High School.

Softball hits "super season"

by Ruth Maurer

In the words of Coach Jim Pearson, the NUHS Girls' Softball Team is "one hell of a team," and that was all he needed to say about his team.

After watching just one practice this reporter recognized some winning qualities. One reason is the friendliness and support the girls give each other. Everyone on the team is smiling and laughing and most of all having a good time. With all this friendship, talent, and support between the players, this team is one of the best.

Exactly how far can they get? Pearson said that his team is taking the season one game at a time. The team's first goal, however, is to beat all the teams that defeated New Ulm last year.

As for the tournaments, Pearson is not worrying about them. His main

concern is with the next game. He does admit, though, that the tournaments are one of the goals in the back of the girls' minds. They talk about the tournaments once in awhile and feel they have a good chance.

The girls' softball team had a win-loss record of 10-2 as of this writing and were tied with St. Peter for first place in the conference.

One reason why this year's team is stronger is that Pearson started the girls on a weight program. This is the first time the girls' softball team have lifted weights and it appears to be working out well.

Something else that's new this year is the windmill pitch, which has been most successful for juniors Jackie Brudellie and Denise Zimmerman.

Overall, the team is doing well and are on their way to a super season.

Girls' golf team thought to be green

by Jeff Albrecht

The girls' golf team, having only two returning letter winners from last year's squad, is in a rebuilding year. The two letter winners, sophomores Beth Norman and Katie Roberts, are the core of this year's golf squad.

Other golfers rounding out the varsity squad include juniors Grace Stabell and Deb Sjobeck, sophomores Kari Ahlstrand, Laura Angfang and Karen Puchner, and freshmen Sue Blackstad, Jill Radke, and Ann Schmid.



Katie Roberts has consistently been the best scorer on the girls' golf team.

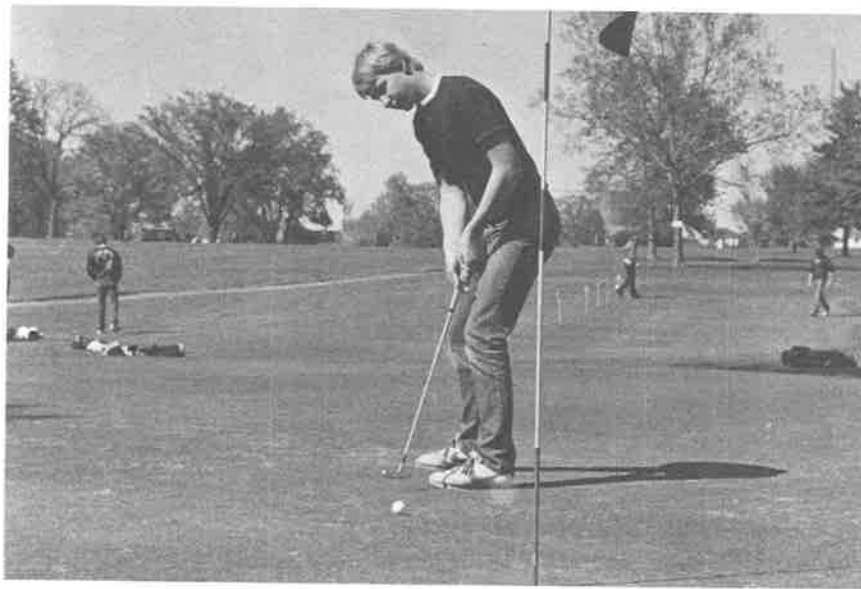
While only six members can play on the varsity squad at one time, (and only the four best scores are counted in the meet) Coach Lowell Liedman feels that most of these golfers will participate on the varsity squad at some time during the season to gain experience.

Liedman, now in his fifth year of coaching the girls' golf team, was the original coach when the girls' golf program was started five years ago. Before it was a competitive sport, girls' golf was an after school club that did not compete with other schools. Liedman's past teams have usually finished their season winning about half of their meets. However, having only won one of eight meets, Liedman is not too worried about the team's success this year. He is encouraged with the team's potential, especially the potential of certain individuals. In golf, if the team does not do well in tournament competition, individuals may still be able to continue competition.

"Katie Roberts has been shooting in the low fifties" states Liedman, "and hopefully by the end of the season she will be in the forties consistently. With scores like that she could win some honors in tournament competition."

Roberts will definitely be a good golfer in the future. Though the team is not a threat this year, they should be doing well in the future when experience and talent are present at the same time.

"We are not looking for immediate improvement in our record this year," claims Liedman, "rather, we are looking to the future."



Al Blackstad took medalist honors with a 74 and qualified for the state meet in the Region 2AA competition at Fairmont.

Experienced golf team has good season

by Eric Wilner

The New Ulm High School Boys' Golf team should be better than they have been in the last few years. The most important reason for their being better is that this year's squad has a lot of depth and experience.

The squad is led by Al Blackstad, a junior. Blackstad, who is the Eagles' most consistent low scorer, has been golfing at the varsity level since he was a ninth grader. Coach Dick Werdahl will rely heavily on Blackstad and the other golfers with varsity experience. Tod Lohman, the only senior on this year's squad, Dave Affolter and Dave Leske, who are juniors, and Mitch Haber, David Clyne, John Heymann,

and Garth Dietrich complete the varsity squad.

Putting is one aspect of the game Werdahl thinks that the team needs to improve. He expects that their putting will improve as the season wears on.

In the first match of the season, the golfers lost by a wide margin to Redwood Falls, 160 for Redwood Falls and 197 for the Eagles. Dave Leske was low for the Eagles with Al Blackstad and Tod Lohman right behind him.

In most of the other matches, Al Blackstad has been low scorer for New Ulm including the Hutchinson Invitational in which eight teams competed. Blackstad shot a round of 79 for 18 holes at this invitational.

Young team nets victories

by Todd Tyler

The New Ulm Boys' Tennis Team has a tough season on their hands this year. The squad, made up of juniors and sophomores with just one senior, is lacking experience and leadership that can only come from seniors.

Even though they are a young team, many individual honors have been achieved. Jim Benson and Scott Becker are the first doubles team and have shown some fine performances thus far. Jon Senum, after a slow start, is also starting on the upswing. Jon is the only senior on the team. His blistering serve makes him a tough opponent for anyone in the conference. It is thought that he has one of the fastest serves in the South Central Conference. Senum's 6'4" height helps his serve, but he feels that it hurts his backcourt quickness. He worked all summer on



Jon Senum, the only senior member of the boys' tennis team is easy to spot on the courts because of his NU cap.

his tennis game going to various tournaments. Senum, who plays doubles as well as singles, says, "These summer meets helped me both mentally and physically for this year's season."

It's hard not to spot Senum on the court because he is usually the biggest guy out there. Another way to spot Jon is to look for a player in a New Ulm cap. He never fails to wear it during a meet. It has become a habit plus it keeps his eyes on the court and the sun out of his eyes.

Senum hopes to play tennis in college. He plans to go to Gustavus, which has a nationally ranked tennis team.

The Eagle netters hope to pull off more victories before the season ends. They will probably be a strong team next year if the young team improves and matures.