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The lounge will  
be closed until  
further notice.

D. Stead

## Lounge becomes center for wreck-reation

by John Marti

For two years, students await with great anticipation the chance to enter the senior lounge. However, when the opportunity finally arrives, they tend to abuse the privilege. Instead of treating the lounge with respect and care, a few students have attacked it with a ferocity rarely found outside the battle-ground.

These destructive tendencies are illustrated by a foosball table that was continuously in need of repair, four ping-pong paddles relegated to the trash heap, and a few dozen ping-pong balls that will never be used again. Besides the actual physical damage, inappropriate messages are scattered across the blackboard, and music blares through the hallways.

How have these violations of school property and rules been dealt with? The foosball table has been removed from the lounge and will never return again under the ownership of school district No. 88. It is now for sale to interested buyers. To become the proud owner of the foosball table, submit a sealed bid of worthy value — unreasonably low bids will not be considered — to the principal's office. No deadline has been set for the closing of bids but one could be announced at any time. The highest bidder will become the owner of the foosball table.

Comparing this year to years past, the vandalism in the senior lounge has been relatively minor. The majority of students have behaved in a mature, responsible manner. As Vice-Principal Edward Donahue stated, "It's easy to point a finger at the lounge. It's not the worst problem we have. The senior lounge needs to be a place handled with responsibility."

While there is such an opportunity as the senior lounge, there will continue to be a few students who will indulge in vandalism. No successful deterrent exists. A few methods used to reduce vandalism include the removing of offenders' privileges, charging for damage, and the closing of the lounge. Closing the lounge has been employed this year only once. The reason this option is distasteful is it removes the privileges of everybody for the acts of a few. An exclamation overheard at the time of the closing decried the loss of the pop and candy machines.

A reason contributing to the misuse of the lounge is that many students view it as a right and not a privilege. This attitude is an unfortunate misunderstanding that could lead to the permanent closing of the lounge. To retain the privilege, responsibility and care must be taken in the use of the senior lounge. The many must influence the few, whose actions have resulted in the closing of the senior lounge.

The students responsible for the mutilation of the ping-pong paddles and balls have found that their wallets are becoming thinner. Those responsible are charged for the cost of the destroyed equipment and admonished. The artists decorating the blackboards, however, have so far escaped unscathed.

Perhaps the greatest conflict between the will of the students and the

will of the administration has been the music generated in the lounge. A stereo was placed in the senior lounge without the permission of the office. From that time on, anyone walking past the lounge could definitely hear the music. Many times, a school official reduced the volume only to have it returned to its previous level moments later. The final solution to the problem was the removal of the stereo.



The foosball table has been the victim of destructive tendencies from a few seniors so it has been retired indefinitely.

# editorial

## Welcome to Wednesdays



by Ann Forst

Have you noticed small groups of adults following a tour guide throughout our school? These people look over our shoulders, glare at us, and even distract lectures by occasionally sticking their heads through classroom doorways.

The above actions are made by parents on Wednesdays when they are invited to school for an Open House visit. Administrators welcome parents to school while it is in session so they may become more familiar with the senior high facilities, teachers, and academic programs.

Allowing parents to tour school while classes are meeting is a great idea. It gives parents a chance to see their kids in a school environment. They can

observe school policies and procedures and ask questions about certain school methods. Parents can also enjoy a "famed" school lunch, and some may even find the food to be better than some students have described it.

Another reason we support Open House visits is to give the parent of a student who is not involved in music or sports some contact with the school in addition to the Parent-Teacher Conferences. For example, if a student is in band or choir, his parents probably attend concerts throughout the year. Or if a student participates in sports, parents may attend several games and are honored on Parents Nights. But what about the student whose interests do not lie in these areas? That gap is why having an Open House is important; it enables more parents to become acquainted with the school system.

Eventually parents of all sophomore and junior class members will be sent an invitation to visit school. We hope students will encourage their parents to come and observe New Ulm Senior High in action because there's much to see.

## School changes for the better

by Lisa Clark

The 1980-81 school year is well under way and though this year is basically the same as every other school year, some changes have been noticed.

For sophomores this new school year brought many changes, a different building, new teachers, and harder classes; but by now they're settled into a familiar routine. As one sophomore said, "It's a lot different from the Junior High, but I really like it here."

Juniors and seniors haven't experienced the changes most sophomores have, but some changes have been noticed.

Senior cheerleader, Gwen Breu, finds a change in the students. "I see a lot more school spirit this year."

Several student council members commented that they've had a lot of fun this year planning different activities.

Homecoming Week was different

this year. Events were scheduled at different times, and new events were included.

Student Council is also planning a Snow Week, which will be a first at NUHS. "It's been great this year. We're planning lots of new things," commented a senior Student Council member.

Some comments heard in passing, however, express concern about the apparent increase in administrative rules and regulations. Seniors have been complaining about having to sign in and out of their study times. They feel it's too restrictive and makes their study time more like a study hall.

Also, a new attendance policy has been put into practice. Students must no longer bring a pass to be admitted into class after an absence. The secretaries in the principal's office don't know how well the students like this new policy, but they say that it sure has cut down on the number of people who skip.



Wade

"What is there to do in the lounge?"

## Senior Temple



by Robbie James

The Senior Lounge, the in place where all the seniors hang out. The sacred territory that all underclassmen dream of entering. Is this temple to wasting time all that it is cracked up to be? As a senior John Doe (the names have been changed to protect the guilty) put it, "What was the question?"

Many underclassmen have asked, "What is there to do in the lounge?" Myself and other seniors have asked this same question. During the first part of this quarter one was able to enter the senior lounge and try his luck at foosball. A game cost only a quarter and was enjoyable pastime for four youths while twenty people stood around watching. One day, however, seniors John and Joe Doe became upset over their loss to Jane and Julie Doe so they began to take out their frustrations on the poor foosball table. The table became crippled beyond repair. It was retired and put up for bids like an old broken down teacher.

Next came ping-pong. This inexpensive game brought thrills to its participants who could withstand the torture of pinging the ball across the net. There were advantages for the spectators of ping-pong as well. One could watch a game seated in one of the numerous pieces of furniture (the garbage can, the pop machine, or chalk holder) The only disadvantage was that

one's head and neck became deformed because of following the ball during play. Fortunately the ping-pong table has been able to withstand the tortures of smashes and split pop. It is too bad that the balls and paddles were not as fortunate.

Are there other forms of recreation in the lounge? There are blackboards in the room but no chalk. There is a thermostat which was fun to play with but that's been covered nicely. Lastly, we still have the pop and candy machines to try our luck with. Who knows? With a little senior innovation, we might be able to get rid of these facilities too.

Seriously though, the seniors are thankful for this little piece of heaven here on earth. It fills our days with joy and warmth that not even a thermometer can measure. It gives our dull and dingy lives recreation and citric acid. To all those juniors and sophomores who are just filled with anticipation for the day they will enter the senior lounge, I express my sympathy.

The Graphos tries to report school and community news objectively and accurately. When we fail to accomplish this objective, we encourage corrections and suggestions from our readers. Please direct your comments to Ann Forst, Phil Vorwerk, or Ed Weber.

# the graphos

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## DECA-gate: Students tap candy supply

## Five-finger discount results in Paper Mache deficit

by Phil Vorwerk

The Paper Mache will reopen this winter after being closed this fall because of its accumulated debts.

The Paper Mache is a part of the Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) program in the Senior High. The idea of the DECA program is to teach students how to run a business. It is a vocational-type program in which students have a chance to get their "feet wet" by actually working in a business setting. Some of the students spend their afternoons working in downtown businesses. Other students worked in the school store, the Paper Mache.

The Paper Mache was established with the idea of letting students run a store. Because the Paper Mache would be a small-scale operation, it would be easier for the students to understand how a business worked. The students could gain practical experience without spending their whole afternoons downtown. Also, students could learn by their own mistakes instead of just learning about possible mistakes in a class

room. Finally, the store might generate a profit which could be used to support the special activities of the DECA program. However, after losing money for several years, the Paper Mache was closed down while students and school officials tried to figure out how they were going to pay off the large debt.

The main problem was that some of the students, as both customers and store workers, were stealing candy and money from the cash register. Before and after school and during lunch periods the store became so crowded that students would have to wait in the hall. With so many people crammed into the store, it wasn't difficult for students to just reach right over the counter and pick out a good-looking candy bar. Some DECA students just ate up the profits, not realizing that they needed to sell several candy bars just to break even after eating a candy bar themselves.

Each year the debt grew, and if the DECA program got a new teacher, the new teacher inherited the debt with the job. When Kim Born, the current DECA teacher, came, she was faced with a formidable debt. Only she was

the one who had to settle up. Dave Stead, high school principal, was a little angry and shocked when he found out that the candy company had allowed a large debt to accumulate. When he asked the candy company for an explanation, they replied that they wouldn't have allowed it with a normal business, but they figured the school would be good for the money.

However, the crisis has passed. The school has paid the Paper Mache's bills, and the store will reopen. This reporter was unable to find out the exact amount of the debt, but it is sizable. The DECA program is trying to generate some revenue with several fund raisers.

Now that the store is getting a fresh start, what are they going to do to keep the store from going into debt again? Born and two DECA students went to a school store in Mankato to see how their store is run and get some new ideas for the Paper Mache operation. The biggest problem was inventory. In the past inventory was only taken once a week, and no one really knew just how much candy should be left, or how much money should be in the cash

register at the end of the day. Now inventory will be taken daily, or oftener, so if there is a loss during the day, officials can determine just when the loss occurred.

Another problem was that the cash register didn't work, but this problem was easy to solve by simply getting it repaired. Despite the past problem with stealing, Stead, who could eliminate the program's store, still has faith in the concept and the students. "You still have to trust the kids," he said.

Originally, the rooms where the Paper Mache is located were offices. When the offices were moved to the old Lincoln School, the rooms were assigned to DECA. The rooms may have worked fine for an office, but they are too small for the store and a classroom. One DECA student felt "the store itself is really much too small. I would like to see it in a full-sized room, so we could sell more things." At first the Paper Mache sold only school supplies, but later candy was added to make more of a profit or, in this case anyway, more of a loss.

## Can't we just be friends?



by Lisa Gitter

Every girl has a prince charming she has always dreamed of going out with, and every guy fantasizes about going on a hot date with a foxy chick. Of course, high school would not be the same without dating, but a girl and a guy no longer go out just to have some fun. Unfortunately, dating has gotten to be much more complicated than that.

Today it seems impossible for a girl and a guy to do things together without any obligation. It is hard to draw the line between friendship and romance. A good example of this problem occurs when a guy and a girl are friends, but the guy wants to be more than just a friend. This situation can make things extremely confusing. Sometimes getting romantically involved with someone the girl has grown close to ruins the friendship.

Can she still be friends with someone she once went out with? I do not know how many times I have heard people say, "We're just good friends now." I have to wonder if they really are good

friends. For some people, just being "good friends" is not possible.

Another problem involved in friendship between a guy and a girl is jealousy. Take for example, Bob and his girlfriend Kathy. If Bob sees Kathy talking to a guy he does not know, he gets upset. Kathy would do the same thing if she saw Bob talking to a girl she did not know. Even though it may seem strange, a person is entitled to have other girls or guys as friends.

Jealousy can also be a problem when all of one's friends have girlfriends or boyfriends, but he doesn't. There is always some jealousy and competitiveness between friends, whether they admit it or not.

The words "boyfriend" and "girlfriend" are among the most commonly misunderstood words in a high school student's vocabulary. When he hears these words, he automatically thinks the people involved are dating. No one ever stopped to think that they may be friends.

It is true that girls are usually closer to their girl friends and guys are usually closer to their guy friends. But sometimes a girl just needs to talk to a guy, and a guy may need a female opinion on a certain matter. Can girls and guys ever really be close friends?

Friends who can share their problems as well as their happiness without dating?

I think friendship between the sexes is good, but I wish it would be easier. A girl and a guy cannot go to just a movie, do their homework together, or get a pizza without someone getting the wrong idea. It seems that one can barely talk to a person of the opposite sex without someone wondering if they are "going together."

All of these misconceptions need to

## the guidepost

by Jim Zetah, counselor

In the last issue, Mary Swenson discussed the need to establish some goals in your school and personal life. I would like to expand on that theme as it relates to vocational choices with a brief word of caution; don't limit your vocational choices. I believe that is good advice because I don't think anyone can accurately predict his vocational future nor should anyone limit his vocational future. A number of reasons may be considered:

1. The high rate of unemployment means more people are competing for the jobs that are available — especially high quality jobs. A person may need to be qualified in more than one area in order to successfully compete with others.
2. The training of too many people for a specific type of occupation often occurs.

be corrected. When a girl and a guy are talking together in the hall, they are not "going together." Maybe the girl needed an assignment she missed for a class. Or maybe he was having problems with his parents and needed some advice?

The line between friendship and

3. Jobs can disappear because of automation — machines are constantly replacing people.
4. New jobs open up each day because of advances in technology and changes in life style.
5. Each person changes throughout life; the teen years are a most critical time. As an individual matures, goals change. What seems important today may or may not seem important at some time in the future.

I know many of you have heard Swenson and I suggest that you think of career choices in tentative terms. Tentative because it will keep you open to various possibilities that might suggest a totally new area. Your school experiences — career information, interest inventories, part-time job experience, hobbies, volunteer work, or participation in community and school clubs — will be a source of new ideas for you. Swenson and I are available in the guidance office to assist you. Conrad Trapp has made available two different career exploration programs through the computer service.

Plan for your future, but don't limit your vocational choices.

romance is fine, but it **can** be drawn. Good, close friendships between guys and girls are beneficial. We can make these relationships possible by changing our attitudes toward boy/girl friendships and stop jumping to conclusions whenever we see a guy and a girl together.

# people



**Don Potter's involvement in several civic committees keeps him busy. Photo by John Schamber.**

## Agriculture remains big part of Potter's life

by Beth Norman

Don Potter, owner and manager of Potter Implement in New Ulm, has been acquainted with farming all his life. Potter was born in Springfield, Minnesota, and grew up on a farm two and a half miles northeast of the city.

He attended country school in District 41 and later Springfield High School, where he was a member of the Future Farmers of America (FFA). He is a charter member of the first FFA chapter at Springfield High School. Potter was also a member of the FFA State Champion Dairy Judging Team that went to Kansas City, Missouri. Potter stayed in Springfield for several years before he moved to New Ulm.

For thirteen years Potter worked in the John Deere store and then worked at the Chaska General Store for one and a half years. Potter then became the Territory Manager for Jamesway Equipment Company. In this position, which he held for three years, he traveled to different implement owners to make sure they had enough equipment in stock for sale. In May of 1964 Potter bought the John Deere dealership in New Ulm and has since been the owner-manager.

Potter is active in many organizations in the city. Being appointed by the City Council as a member of the Airport Commission, Potter is involved with the expansion project at the New Ulm Municipal Airport.

The members of the Airport Commission are more or less an advisory board that advises the city council and does the "leg work" as Potter says, before the city council makes the decisions. The Commission has completed the Environmental Impact Statement, which is the first step in the construc-

tion project. An Environmental Impact Statement is a prepared report that states how the new construction will affect the surrounding area environmentally. The major holdup now is the funding for the project.

Potter was also appointed to the Charter Commission of New Ulm two years ago. This Commission studies the laws of New Ulm and recommends to the council new ordinances. Potter is a member of several agriculture advisory committees, namely, the Mankato Area Vocational Technical Institute Advisory Committee, the newly-formed KNUJ Advisory Committee and the Ag Advisory Committee at NUHS. His duties on these committees involve making suggestions on how to effectively improve their ag departments.

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The Farm City Hub Club is another of Potter's active interests. This club is comprised of businessmen and area farmers who work together to promote agriculture in the city. Potter just recently resigned from the Brown County Fair Board of which he was a member for three years. Potter said his reason for resigning was that "...at times I have five meetings a day and you just can't make them all."

In Potter's few spare moments he enjoys fishing, hunting, and sports. This reporter was convinced that Potter must be a skilled fisherman (or else a lucky one) after seeing the 24-pound Northern Pike he caught which was mounted above his office desk.

BMOC excels on field and classroom

## Marti merits BMOC

by Vicki Asmus

Last month the Graphos selected Lorie Mogen as New Ulm High School's Big Woman On Campus (BWOC). John Marti is this month's Big Man on Campus. Marti is active in and out of school, enjoys school life, and tries to get everything he can out of his classes.

Marti has been playing football since the seventh grade. He started playing third string in the senior high and worked his way to first string in his junior and senior years. He has lettered twice and received the Coaches' Award this year. Marti thinks football is a challenge to improve himself and likes the unity and the closeness on the team, which he says he won't experience anywhere else. "When next fall comes around, I'm really going to miss my football years in high school."

Besides being active in football Marti has been a member of the golf team for two years. His respectable golf game has already earned him two varsity letters. Weight lifting during the winter is included in John's list of activities. He's participated in the state power lifting meet the past two years. Marti believes weight lifting is responsible for his athletic success. "Weight lifting made me a better athlete; without it I'd probably still be on the third string in football."

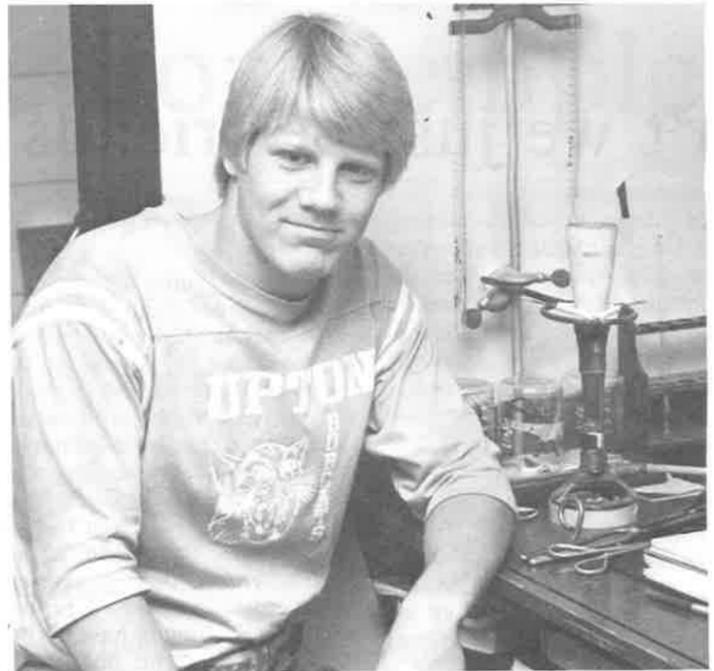
There's more to school than just sports. New Ulm High School has

many clubs and student organizations. He is a member of the Outdoor Adventure Club, the math team, and the Graphos Staff. He has represented NUHS in the Rotary Spring Leadership Conference and has spoken to the Rotarians twice. He is scheduled to speak to them a third time in a couple of weeks. Marti is also a Dollars for Scholars candidate and ranks in the top one-half of one percent in the PSAT test which qualifies him for the National Merit Scholarship.

Whenever he finds time, Marti likes to downhill and cross-country ski. He also enjoys singing in the Menergerie, a local musical organization.

After graduation Marti plans to attend a private university, maybe the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He would like to major in engineering and eventually earn a graduate degree. When he graduates from college, he would like to teach at an university or own his own company. Even though college takes a lot of study and hard work, he wants to remain active in extracurricular activities.

This reporter asked Marti what advice he would give to underclassmen. His reply was "don't confine yourself to academics. Go into extracurricular activities so you can find what your talents and interests are. Try to enjoy school because once you're out, you'll miss it."



**John Marti feels students should "try to enjoy school because once you're out you'll miss it."**

## Play portrays "Life With Mother"

by Katie O'Conner

The fall play was a comedy entitled "Life With Mother." It was written by Howard Lindsay and Russel Crouse. The play was held Thursday and Friday, November 13 and 14, at 8:00 p.m. in the Junior High School Auditorium.

Tryouts for the play were held early in October. The play had 16 roles, eight men and eight women. Around 30 or 40 people tried out for a part. The leading roles of Mother and Father were portrayed by Diane Hawkins and Dan Skillings.

The director of the play was Carol Ackerson. The assistant directors were Deb Sjobeck, Grace Stabell, Scott Schroeder, and Cindy Hogen. They were in charge of such things as lines, props, placement of actors on stage, and sound effects. They also helped

John Kaiser, who is only 10, and Anna Svensson with their roles in the play.

"Life With Mother" is a comedy based on the stories of Clarence Day that began with "Life With Father." In the play Mother attempts to get an engagement ring for one of her sons for his fiancée. The engagement doesn't last, but Mother still wants an engagement ring because she never had one. Father's old fiancée comes to visit. It seems that she never gave back his engagement ring. There is a delightful game played in getting the ring back. Also the family's cousin Cora and her husband Clyde are introduced. Father and Clyde have a few disagreements over some stocks that Father bought for Cora. The play ends when one of the younger boys leaves for Yale and his Mother tells him to put on warm clothes and eat right.

# Hippert fills big space in small town

by Meg Hudak

For those of you who are interested in watching Perry Mason re-runs, New Ulm has a younger and thinner counterpart; he's Roger Hippert. Hippert is a criminal lawyer whose law office is located on Second North Street.

Hippert was brought up in New Ulm and graduated from NUHS in 1970. "My grade was the first class to enter the new high school and as a sophomore I remember giving tours of the school to the public."

Although the majority of high school students today don't remember many details about the Vietnam War, ten years ago the war was often the major topic of conversations. Hippert recalls that there was an underground high school newspaper called the "Omega," which included articles protesting the war.

**"If a kid got caught smoking in the bathroom, it was a big deal."**

The rules in school then were stricter, and Hippert's class were the last students who had to abide by a dress code. "If a kid got caught smoking in the bathroom, it was a big deal."

After graduating Hippert went to law school at the University of Minnesota. When asked why he decided to be a lawyer, Hippert replied, "I guess that being a lawyer appeared challenging with unlimited development." While still in law school he married and lived in Minneapolis for seven years.



**Roger Hippert's working hours vary. Many times he works twelve to sixteen hours a day. Photo by John Schamber.**

Hippert begins each day as most businessmen do. He goes to the office, opens his mail, makes appointments and sees clients, and on some days he goes to trial in court. One thing about Hippert's job that differs from most businessmen is the hours. "A lot of

times I work into the night, and some days may last twelve to sixteen hours."

Hippert returned to New Ulm because he liked the town. "Even though Minneapolis can be more exciting at times, I like New Ulm and the idea of living in a small town."

**"The most exciting part of my job is the trials."**

Although there are some unpleasant times, and despite the long hours, Hippert appears to enjoy his job, especially the excitement. "The most exciting part of my job is the trials. The thing that makes it so exciting is the pressure. There's no time to go back to the office and think things over because I have to make decisions instantly. There's a constant battle and nobody knows how it will turn out until the time of the verdict."

When Hippert isn't working in his office or representing a client in court, he enjoys reading, playing tennis, and when he can get a team together, playing soccer. Lately however, his new interest is spending time with his young son. Hippert said if he could start over, he might do something other than being a lawyer because he has many interests. He has no regrets about being a lawyer and feels all the preparation is worth it, especially when he wins a trial.

As for the future, Hippert has no definite goal except to improve his skills as a lawyer and be the best father and husband he can be. "I don't think that a person should direct himself for a single goal, but should improve himself as a whole, and in the end he will be a better person."

## *behind the scenes*

# Bierbaum specializes in "universal language"

by Denise Haas

**"My mother really was the one who encouraged me, although my older sister was involved in music too."**

This month Diane Bierbaum emerges from "Behind the Scenes." Anyone wandering near the music department would stand a good chance of bumping into Bierbaum. She participates in the numerous school musical activities as well as a few outside of school. In her years at NUHS, Bierbaum has been involved in the following organizations: band, choir (she's a section leader this year), Stage Band, Bel Canto Singers, Company No. 88 (a sophomore singing group), Payne Street Singers, and Vocal Mania (formerly Caroliers). She also sang in the musical "Brigadoon" as a sophomore and played piano in this year's fall choir concert for "Fiddler on the Roof."

She became interested in music she says because "My mother really was the one who encouraged me, although my older sister was involved in music too."

Bierbaum's musical involvement began at the age of three, when she sang in the Sunday school's singing

group at her church. At the age of five she started tap dancing in which she was involved for nine years followed by one year of jazz. It was during this time she began playing piano. Outside of music Bierbaum was active in Girl Scouts.

After finishing the 4th grade, Bierbaum became interested in band and began playing the alto saxophone. Two instruments just didn't seem to be enough for Bierbaum, so at the age of 14, she began to play the organ.

One year later, Bierbaum became a candystriper at Union Hospital, where she worked for two years.

Along with her numerous school music groups, Bierbaum is also a member of the NUHS Foreign Language Club.

As for her out-of-school activities, she is a member of the Senior Choir at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, plays organ on Sundays at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, and is a member of the New Ulm Municipal Band.

In her spare time Bierbaum enjoys watching TV, biking, being a sports spectator, and playing tennis. She en-

joys new environments, especially meeting new people, because "people are interesting."

Bierbaum's future plans include a college major in Music Education,

specializing in teaching and directing vocal music in high school. Bierbaum believes that "Music is a universal language, and anyone can become involved."



**Diane Bierbaum plans to major in Music Education. Photo by Kate Hiza.**

# Exchange students enjoy school activities

by Amy McClellan and Laura Fritsche

Anna Svensson from Sweden, Elke Staeheli from Switzerland, and Jose Diaz from Spain have joined us for the 1980-81 school year. As foreign exchange students, they have formed some interesting opinions about the U.S. and our school.

Svensson thinks NUHS is fun. "In my school there are no after school activities. We have just a choir and no



Anna Svensson

after school sports." Svensson is participating in cross country and drama club and plans to join track in the spring.

Staeheli and Diaz also stated that there are no extra-curricular activities in their schools. Staeheli enjoys the many options available to NUHS students. She has become an avid football fan. In Switzerland soccer is as popular

as football is in the U.S. Staeheli thinks football has more action. She is also involved in AFS club and drama club. Diaz is amazed by the diversity of facilities offered NUHS students. "The high school is so big...and the size of the gymnasium and athletic field!" Diaz is impressed with the NUHS music program and has joined AFS and drama clubs.

When asked about the school lunches Svensson had some definite opinions. "The school foods in New Ulm are strange." In Sweden students don't get desserts and are served mostly meat and potatoes. "Schools in Sweden try to serve kids the most nutritious meals possible." Diaz and Staeheli aren't used to having school lunches. In Switzerland students have a two hour lunch break. Diaz misses the 3 1/2 hours he took for open lunch while attending school in his home country.

Diaz' school operates on a relaxed schedule. "School begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 1:30 p.m. for lunch break. The second session goes from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and students have 10 to 15 minute breaks between classes." Diaz also stated that good students may skip classes if they choose. He believes that tests and classes are, in general, much easier here, and that we are privileged to choose many of our classes.

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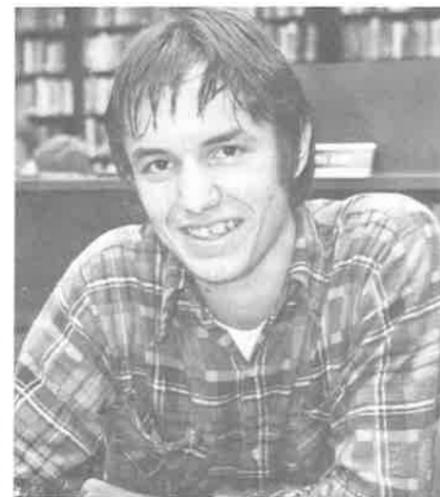
Svensson also thinks self-scheduling is a big plus. In Sweden students must enter a course of study. Each program prepares a student for a specific college major. Staeheli's line of study follows liberal arts. Because Staeheli's classes began at 7:30 a.m. in Switzerland, she



Elke Staeheli

loves the opportunity to sleep later in the morning. Her classes were in session until 5:30 p.m., but she also had a 2 hour lunch break. Staeheli had different classes each day and in order to graduate students must take a series of exams for two weeks.

Staeheli believes that Switzerland and America are similar. She thinks that Switzerland's seven presidents are more efficient than the one in the U.S. Diaz believes that girls are given more freedom and greater opportunity in



Jose Diaz

America. He marvels at the many different races, colors, and nationalities that make up the USA. Diaz has never seen so many machines. He noted that we even have machines for pop and candy! According to Svensson Swedish kids are allowed more freedom and their families spend more time together. All three were shocked at the numbers of cars driven in the U.S.

Diaz is from Velez-Malaga, Spain. His hobbies include reading, listening to music, and playing soccer and basketball. Staeheli lives in a village near Baden, Switzerland. She enjoys jazz dancing and has earned a blue belt in karate. Svensson, from Taby, Sweden, rides horses, takes dance lessons and is a member of the women's branch of the Swedish Air Force.

These three exchange students are happy to be in New Ulm and find NUHS students nice, friendly, and helpful.

# Racquetball courts add to winter sports

by Lisa Walston

A new sport, racquetball, will soon appear in New Ulm. The four racquetball courts in the Family Recreation Center are scheduled to be opened March 1.

According to Larry Kobs, Park and Recreation Director, the policies and details on the courts have not been set yet. Five dollars an hour is the proposed rate to play on the wooden floor courts. Two courts will be operated on an hourly basis, and the other two will be used on a half-hour basis.

If you plan to make use of the new racquetball courts, you will need some equipment. Anyone who plays at the Recreation Center must provide his own racquetball gear. The equipment is simple: a decent racquet, a ball or two, comfortable clothing, and tennis shoes.

Racquets are priced from \$10 on up. The metal racquets are the least expensive; fiberglass and graphite racquets are the most expensive. The graphite racquets are primarily used by professional players.

The courts will probably be available for use the same hours as the indoor swimming pool is open.

Reservations can be made, but only 24 hours or less before the desired playing time. If a reservation is made and the players do not show up or cancel

their reservation, the players will still have to pay for that designated time.

"There will be certain 'prime times,'" said Kobs. "The prime times will probably be from about 4:00 p.m. until later in the evening. It will be hard to find a court to play on during these times." A "prime time" reservation might cost a dollar more per hour than court costs during less popular times.

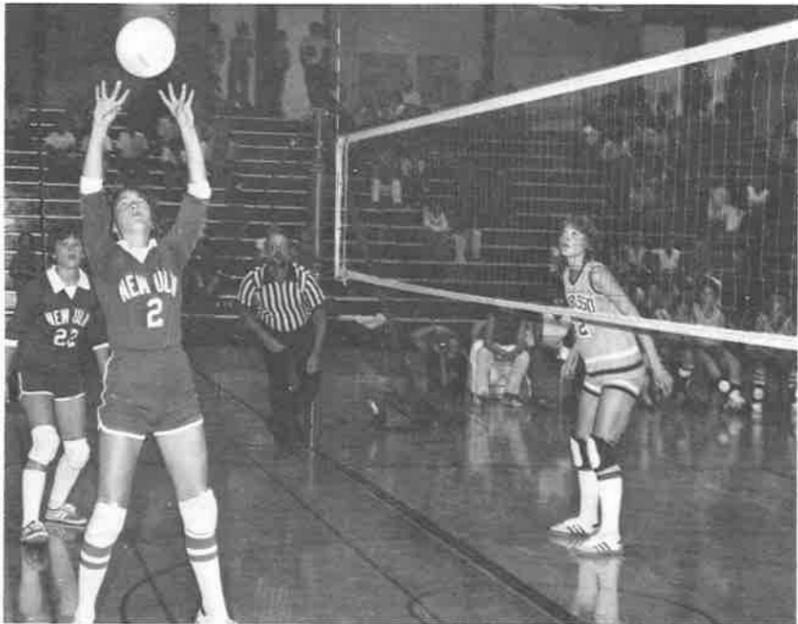
Kobs said that racquetball lessons through the city's Park and Recreation program will be given next year. He noted that many people have already expressed interest in taking lessons and learning the sport.

Most people feel optimistic about the future of racquetball in New Ulm. Kobs stated, "I think racquetball is a great sport to learn because it is a lifetime sport. It is very compatible with other sports."

A NUHS student commented, "Even if racquetball isn't the kind of sport that students can afford to play every day, I think it will be popular. It's good exercise and can be played any time of the year."

Perhaps one New Ulm resident best summed up the general feeling of New Ulmites about racquetball. "I have always felt that, for the average income person, golf was the sport of the 1960's, and tennis was the sport of the 1970's. I think racquetball will be the sport of the 1980's."





Volleyball team member Julie Mosenden sets up the ball as Mary Moriarty gets ready to spike a return.

## Volleyball team finds conference confidence

by Gwen Breu

The girls' volleyball team accomplished something that no other New Ulm volleyball team had accomplished before. By the end of the season the girls had compiled a record of 5-1 in conference play and 9-8 in overall games played. The girls had

found the key to a winning season.

The girls' success surprised many people but not them. They knew they could be good if they played as a team and worked hard. The girls had set a goal for themselves at the beginning of the season. They wanted to play in the region tournament, which was held in

New Ulm. Deb Rolloff, co-captain of the volleyball team, felt that if the team could win the subregion playoffs, it would have a good chance of winning the region title since they would be playing at home.

People began to take notice of the volleyball team when New Ulm defeated Blue Earth. This win meant that the girls would share the South Central Conference Championship with St. Peter. In their match against Blue Earth (a team must win 2 out of 3 games to win a match) the girls had to come back and win the last two games after they lost the first one.

After their game against Blue Earth, they entered subregion play against Worthington. The girls lost the first game and were behind in the second 14-1 before they came back to win 20-18. After that rally New Ulm was in control of the match and took the third game by a score of 18-3. It seemed as if the girls had the confidence to come back from any deficit. But according to Julie Mosenden, co-captain of the team, they weren't always that confident. Mosenden stated, "At the beginning of the season, if we were behind, we'd kind of give up. But towards the end of the season we weren't beat until the scoreboard showed the final scores."

The team was one match away from going to the regional tournament, but their opponent was Marshall, (2nd place finisher in last year's state tournament). The girls lost the match in two straight games 18-1 and 18-2. By the scores the girls got beat badly, but the games weren't as bad as the score indicated. Michele Bloedel, a senior on the team, said, "Nobody will believe us but we played good in both games. Marshall just played better than us."

The girls didn't reach their goal for this year, but maybe they have paved the way for better volleyball teams at NUHS.

## Football team kicks off winning year

by Grace Stabell

Not many people would compare the New Ulm Eagle football team to Rodney Dangerfield but if the person fits, wear him. "No respect; I get no respect!" has been the annual story of NUHS football, but this year football created some rays of respect for the first time in years.

One game in which the Eagles feel they earned the most respect was with St. Peter. "The greatest game in my mind," stated Jim Drill, the Eagles most valuable player, "is the St. Peter game because we haven't beaten St. Peter since I was in the 7th grade."

The Eagles' season wasn't all peaches and cream, however. Jeff Marti, a defensive lineman, summarized the Eagles' season in this way: "Our season was good in that we had a winning record, but when you compare it to what we should have had it was a disappointing season."

A "winning season" in football has apparently helped all of New Ulm High School's fall sports. Dan Skillings, who received the Coaches Award, (given to the player or players who show dedication, spirit, hard work, and enthusiasm) said, "The Eagle football team started a winning fever which has carried over to volleyball, boys' and girls' cross country, and gymnastics. Hopefully it will carry over into all the winter sports."

This "winning spirit" gives next year's football team enough of the taste of victory to aim for the conference championship. "There is no reason why next year's team shouldn't be able to be at the top of the conference. Everyone of those guys has a great attitude," commented senior Jeff Marti.

## Eagle netters establish themselves as conference, regional contenders

by Mary Moriarty

The 1980 edition of the girls' tennis team displayed vast improvement and took a sizable step toward establishing the netters as a contending team in future region 2AA and South Central Conference meets.

The Eagles completed the season with an 11 and 7 over-all mark and a two and four conference record. More importantly, however, they won the subregion team competition, and junior Cindy Herzog became the first individual to advance to the region since 1976.

Full of high hopes, the netters headed into the subregion tournament on their home courts where they upended tough Worthington and Marshall teams by identical scores of 3-2. In individual competition, number one singles player Herzog battled through the subregion on her way to the region in St. Peter. The netters, however, found the going tough as all Eagle participants bowed out at the regional meet.

Obviously coach Bob Pederson and his players have every right to be pleased with their improvement and good showing in post-season play. Senior Sue Alwin and junior Meg Hudak were eliminated from doubles competition in a close match in the final round of the subregions.



Junior Cindy Herzog became the first Girls' Tennis team member to advance to the region since 1976.

There seemed to be a good, friendly attitude in practice all year which was reflected in the team's play. Pederson felt that this kind of season would be a huge boost to the program next year and lay the groundwork for better things to come.

Speaking of better things to come, the netters have found the fruits of victory to be sweet and are looking forward to more of the same next year. And why not? The team will lose only five seniors: Sue Alwin, Connie Johnson, Kris Ryberg, Kris Traurig, and Lisa Schultz.

The Eagles also boast a crop of good-looking sophomores and a JV record of 9-1-1. Pederson expects tough going against perennial powerhouse Blue Earth and Waseca and Wells, but he feels that this season will give the netters the incentive to work harder during the summer months, something he feels the players have not done in the past. Herzog, for example, intends to go to a tennis camp this summer and hopes to make it to the region next year.

Maybe with hard work and a little luck the team will achieve their goals, but, as the saying goes, the girls who work the hardest during the off-season will have the best performances during the season.

## Success runs with team concept

by Dave Filzen

The Girls' Cross Country Team had a successful season this fall. The reason why they were successful was not because of one or two super-talented individuals, but because all of the girls worked together as one cohesive unit.

Dennis Ellingson, coach of the Girls' Cross Country Team, strongly believes in the team theory. One or two super-great runners do not make a team, and if one or even both are injured, the team goes downhill. One cannot depend on only one or two runners to win a cross country meet because a win takes a group of runners performing well together and not one or two individuals.

However, do not think that Ellingson does not care about individuals because he does. It is just that he prefers to talk about individuals as they contribute to the team's performance.

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What hasn't already been said about Stock?

## Time out with Tyler



by Todd Tyler

What can be said about Neil Stock that hasn't already been said? I'll tell you what-nothing! Every paper in the area has covered Neil's career and the Minneapolis Tribune recently did a big story on him. Of course, we all know that Neil is a major candidate of the KNUJ Player of the Year (by the time this issue is published a player will have been selected) and has been selected on the Associated Press's All State team. He has broken many records at New Ulm High School. But what about Neil himself?

I asked him to react to that question: "I love the game, but I don't play for myself. I play for the team and any recognition I get should be just as much theirs as it is mine. I'm more concerned about the team getting some recognition than I am about myself."

This columnist has reached Neil too late. Numerous other newspapers and organizations had beaten me to the source and actually interviewed-out Stock. Although his career was definitely something to talk about, I didn't. I talked about his infamous

shot in a basketball game when he scored two points for the other team or his new-found love.

Has that small tight end with the crew-cut in the eighth grade turned into a star of the eighties? If he did, he sure would make Courtland famous. Any eighth-grader would only dream of having publicity like his. Kind of like a dream come true. That's exactly what it turned out to be for Stock. Even though Stock has the ability to throw the football well, he is very modest about his career. In other words, he doesn't have a big head! Stock admits that he is not a leader in school, and he is content with that position, but when he steps on the football field, his leadership qualities shine. "I feel like two different people, but I suppose it comes with the job."



Neil Stock

Stock's career has been one of fame and personal success, but, all in all, he says it's the most fun he's ever had. He has no idea what his future will be, but he hopes for the best, and so does Courtland.

## Eagle harriers finish strong

by Eric Wilner

The New Ulm Boy's Cross Country team finished strong this season and ended up with a 28-31 record.

The Eagle harriers improved tremendously since the beginning of the season and peaked at the end of the season. The 28-31 record was not as good as some of the runners had hoped for, but considering all of the factors involved, this season was successful. One factor was the new coach, Skip Davis. It takes time for a team to adjust to a new coach, just as it takes time for a new coach to adjust to a new team. Another factor was Dick Schultz, one of last year's top runners, who was not at full strength because of an injury.

This year's team graduated four

seniors: Steve Domine, Jim Benson, Jeff Poulson, and Shawn Drill. Domine, the team's best runner this year, has been out for cross country for five years. He was the captain of the team. Benson, who finished strong this year, is the only member of the team who has been out for cross country every year since the seventh grade. He ran on the varsity team his last two years. Poulson has been out for cross country for four years and has been on the varsity team for the last two years. Drill has run cross country for just two years and was on the varsity team this year.

Although these graduating seniors will be missed, the team is looking forward to next season. Runners to look for next year are Dick Schultz, Lee Klossner, Joe Baumann, Todd Domine, and Dan Quiggle.

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Ellingson says, "This year's team was a team of super individuals who realized their individual strengths were strongest when working together as a team." Ellingson also believes that statistically a person can always find one individual who was the best, but when it really comes down to a most valuable runner, EVERYONE of the girls is a valuable runner to the team.

As a team the girls had a successful season. They had a dual team record of six wins and four losses, which was their best dual team record in recent

years. They also achieved 23 of the 41 goals they set for themselves. Probably their biggest success, however, was finishing second in the South Central Conference Girls' Cross Country Meet.

Referring to the team's success, Ellingson stated, "All of the girls were quality athletes and were really fun to coach."

Both Ellingson and the team agreed that they worked hard, ran hard, had a lot of fun together, and were successful because they ran as a team.

## Gymnastics program swings back

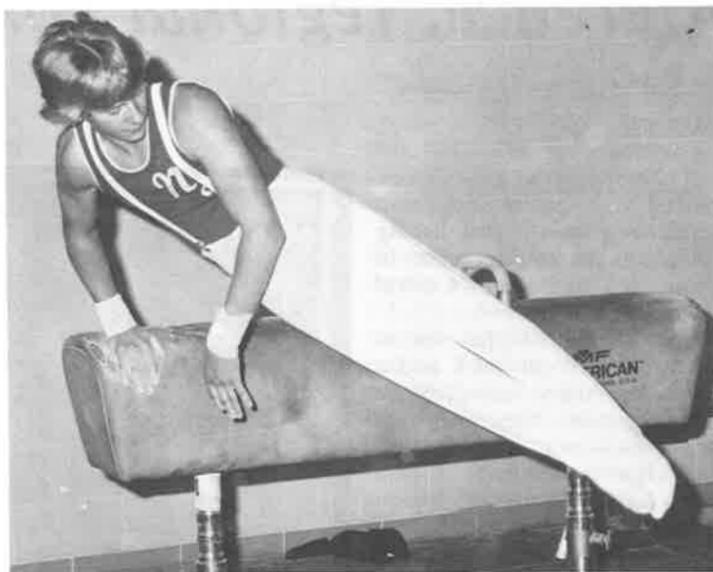
by Mike Donnelly

Every year the gymnastics team orders t-shirts for those interested, and 1980 is no exception. This year's version is red with a picture of a gymnast with the words "Looking for a 10." These four words are an appropriate slogan for the 1980 gymnastics squad.

Last year at this time, the New Ulm gymnastics program was far from being a "ten." Besides fielding a team of only six competitors (the smallest number in many years), they suffered through a winless season amid talk of dropping the program for lack of interest. With only six athletes, the cost per participant was high, plus a replacement had to be found for Head Coach Ted Marti, who had informed the school district that he could not coach full time in 1980.

When the gymnastics issue came before a school board meeting, senior co-captain Skip Radke was there to argue his side of the issue. While Radke doubts that his testimony did much to sway the board's decision, gymnastics was not dropped. Everything has gone uphill since then for the gymnasts and their fans.

To start things off right, Dan Gustafson was recruited from Washington Elementary School to fill the head coaching position. Then, with no explanation, the number of gymnasts shot from six to 17. Along with the increase in numbers came an increase in quality. All of a sudden, New



Dave Falk's 6.2 against Mankato West in a recent meet was his highest individual score on the pommel horse this year. Photo by John Schamber.

Ulm wasn't getting blown out of every meet, and their scores were indicating improvement.

The gymnastics program was back on its feet again, and Athletic Director Cliff Anderson knew who to commend. "Coach Gustafson has a good background in gymnastics, and having 17 kids out helps too. I think that the credit for the turnaround has got to go to the kids themselves, along with some former NUHS graduates who helped this summer."

Indeed, much of the credit belongs

to first-year coach Gustafson, whose prior coaching experience was directing women's gymnastics at Gustavus Adolphus in St. Peter. He describes this year's team as "improving" while pointing to their score in the New Ulm Invitational, an 86 this year compared with a score of 58 a year ago. He then cites some individual performers, including Dave Falk on the sidehorse, Skip Radke on the rings, and Al Bastian in the "all around." When asked about his underclassmen and their abilities, he said simply, "We're going

to win the regionals in two years."

Coach Gustafson also discussed the team goal of reaching 100 points in a meet. As of this writing, the team high is 97.8 recorded against Fairmont. Highest individual scores are Horse, Dave Falk, 5.7; Rings, Skip Radke, 5.0; Vault, Bob Kretsch, 7.9; and floor exercise, Al Bastian, 6.3.

The 1980 gymnastics squad is led by senior co-captains Skip Radke and Dave Falk. Falk describes the team's progress as "Improving, but we would like to do better." Radke added, "I think that the team has done all right, especially with the new guys who are doing an excellent job. We are in kind of a rebuilding period." Both seniors hope to have more guys out for future teams.

When one asks a gymnast what his team's record is, don't be surprised to hear an answer such as "I don't know" or "I forgot." Although the team is winless in dual meets this year, they did place 17th out of 18 teams at the New Ulm Invitational, which is progress from last year.

Gustafson's team has only three seniors, and while he has people to replace them next year, he concedes that their loss will be felt. There are others, however, who will not miss the departing seniors as much as the coach. Seventh grader, Mark Hoggatt, when asked his opinions on the subject, stated that he wouldn't miss them because, as he put it, "They pick on the little guys too much!"