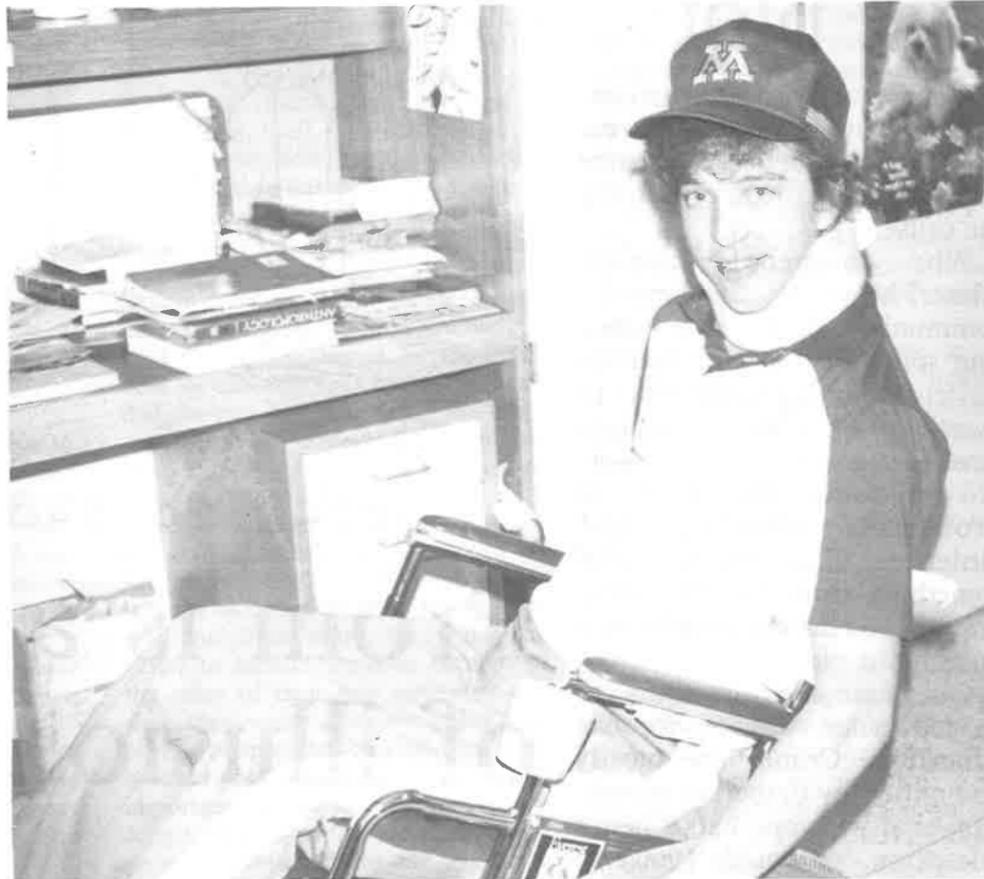


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**PLEASE
SEND A
PIZZA
TO MY ROOM!**

Achman initially fell behind in his studies but with the help of a tutor is now keeping up with his class work.

Achman minimizes set back

“I’m trying to graduate with you guys this spring.”

by John Marti

What does a person do when he discovers he has lost control of his body from the chest down? Bob Achman, who is in this situation, has attacked life with the same vigor that he entertained before his accident last January. Visiting Bob in St. Mary’s Hospital in Rochester, this writer encountered an enthusiasm not noticeable among the majority of this school’s enrollment. An outline of a typical day experienced by Achman will best exemplify his attitude.

Waking up at 8 a.m., Achman prepares for another day. After a good breakfast (“The food here isn’t too good, although it’s better than the food at school,” remarked Achman), a tutor comes to his room.

During the first weeks of his hospital internment, he was unable to participate in school studies and thus fell far behind in his school work. Over the past couple of months, this situation has been remedied. From 10 to 11 a.m. he studies with the help of a tutor in an effort to graduate in June. “I’m trying to graduate with you guys this spring,” Achman emphatically stated.

One condition he laments is his inability to be back in school right now. This attitude might be confusing to some of the school’s population, but as Achman stated, “You don’t realize how much fun school is until you’re taken away from it. I can’t wait to

make it back.” The chances are good he will make it back by the end of the school year.

After the tutor leaves, it is on to physical therapy where strength, agility, flexibility, and endurance are stressed. Stretching is necessary to keep muscles flexible and in tone. Agility provides for smooth, coordinated movement. Strength and endurance are mainly for the upper body so he can propell himself around in the wheelchair. However, Achman wants to try leg braces and crutches before he leaves the hospital.

At 12:15 it is off to the cafeteria for another delicious meal. When lunch is finished, there is some time for leisure activities with friends before a full afternoon of more therapy.

“...the accident that paralyzed Achman has not diminished his enthusiasm for living.”

After dinner there is time to be with himself. This time is spent in studying, writing letters, and watching TV. At 11 p.m. it is time to retire until the next day’s activities.

When asked of his future plans, Achman replied he would like to attend Mankato State University. The Department of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) would provide funding for him to attend school. He must first set some goals, however. An inclination toward a major in something related to communications was expressed.

Overall, the accident that paralyzed Achman has not diminished his enthusiasm for living. His goals and future plans exhibit an ambitious person intent on success.



Achman can’t wait to get back to school.

editorial

You may be the victim of a communist plot



"We need guns for protection only because we are afraid someone else with a gun might try to shoot us."

by Phil Vorwerk

It is the nature of our society that when the economy slows down, the crime rate goes up. We're lucky in New Ulm because we live a peaceful existence compared to the big cities. America is under the gun. As a whole, we try our best to ignore this violence, but when our prominent leaders become victims of violence, we can't help but take painful notice.

Recently we've had two shootings resulting in the death of John Lennon and wounding President Reagan. After each of these shootings a wave of statements concerning gun control and capital punishment rolled through the media.

A gun is good for only one thing — killing — whether it's killing human or animal. Hunting is a sport that is losing its legitimacy, with fewer places left on which to hunt for less wildlife. Cities and plowed fields are moving in on wildlife's domain. Otherwise, we tend to use guns for killing each other. We need guns for protection only because we are afraid someone else with a gun might try to shoot us.

Maybe gun control and capital punishment could be combined in one neat little package? In other words, it would be illegal to possess a gun under penalty of death. Besides being slightly radical, it wouldn't work because we are a clever race and don't necessarily need guns to kill each other and commit crimes.

If we would institute gun control, we would be trying to treat the result of our society, crime and violence, instead of treating the cause.

Why do people commit crimes? Maybe we can blame the communists. U.S. Intelligence (our spies) has reported that the Soviets are trying subtle ways to overthrow our country. Reports have been made that the Soviets are infiltrating our society to proliferate drug use and violence. This sounds like something from the McCarthy era, but you may be a victim of a communist plot.

Our first idea on how to reduce crime was to improve education. Crimes are mostly committed by desperate people. Maybe if everyone had a better education, we wouldn't have so many desperate people running around. But where does education really start? A person's ideas and attitudes are mainly formed in the first five years of his life so education is not a possible solution.

"It's ironic that...parents, who have by far the most impact, require no special qualifications."

It's ironic that we require people to have a license to drive a car or fly a plane, and teachers need to be certified to teach, yet parents, who have by far the most impact, require no special qualifications. Anyone (with a little help) can have a child. Society is the result of someone else's children.

What we are implying is that parents should need some kind of license to have children. We wish, however, it would be practical. First of all, it would be difficult to enforce. ("We're sorry, but you can't have any children." "Oh Yeah? Just watch.") The other problem would be finding a way to determine who would qualify as a parent. We still haven't come up with an accurate way to determine a person's intelligence, much less write a test to qualify parents.

Removing a person's freedom to have children reeks of a police or communist state. It seems the only way to reduce crime also reduces personal freedoms. It's a hard choice, but if we don't fix our society, we may be living under the real communist state.

"would you mind showing my parents your report card?"



...Then mine wouldn't look so bad!!

wade

Prom is a game of illusions



by Lisa Gitter

The month of May is just around the corner with many exciting events in store for us. One especially memorable event is prom. May 9th is the big day so the hunt for our perfect prom date is on. The girls are dressing up to look their best, and the guys are really turning on their charm.

With all the work put into finding a date and making plans for prom, it is unfortunate that many people are disappointed when it is over. I have heard a number of people say, "It wasn't as great as I expected." The meaning of prom has changed and has gotten out of hand.

One cause of this change is that the expectations of prom are so high. We are often disappointed after prom because our expectations are so illusory.

"I am not against having a prom; I just think it is not worth all the money we pay for it."

The expense of prom is another item that has gotten way out of hand. The costs, I feel, are much too expensive. I don't think the location and the food are worth that much. Buying long dresses to be worn only once and renting tuxedos raises the already high expense. To top it all off, we buy corsages that are worn only a few hours. I am not against having a prom; I just think it is not worth all the money we pay for it.

At prom, if we are not waiting in line to get our meal, we are waiting in line for the grand march, to have our picture taken or to use the bathroom. While some people are still waiting in line for their food, others have already finished eating. There is no togetherness. Everyone is, so to speak, on a different schedule. I realize that with such a big crowd there is no easy way to run things, but I feel that this lack of unity plays a part in some of prom's problems.

Too many people go to prom with the wrong attitude and for the wrong reason. Some people go because their friends are going. Others go just for the sake of being able to say, "I went to prom." Still others go only because they want to stay out all night and party. There are probably a few who do not even know why they are going.

Prom should be something really special, but with these attitudes, prom is just a game. It has no real meaning other than competition. Girls compete to see who has the most expensive or fanciest dress. Guys compete to see whose car is the shiniest or whose date is the prettiest. Competitiveness ruins the evening for ourselves and everyone else.

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This article has no headline



by Robbie James

Welcome back to another issue of Rob's ridiculous articles. I am your host Rob. In the next five to ten minutes I will try to entertain you with meaningless pieces of humor and supposed wit. It may not seem like much, but who knows, maybe there is a living in this sort of thing.

My biggest and most inescapable headache in writing these articles is that of finding a topic easy enough to make fun of, but also clean enough to be put in a school newspaper. I have spent many wasteful hours picking my brain for such suitable topics. For this issue I have decided to give up so I wish to inform you that I have no topic. To any of you high-class English know-it-alls who think a "no topic" article is too low for your mentality, you are hereby excused from any further reading.

Those of who are still with me are probably just as lost as I am, so I thank

you. To begin with I would like to publicly state right now that I am not the cause of any trouble in El Salvador. I state this only to relieve myself of the guilt I have felt over telling an El Salvadorian the wrong directions to Taco Johns. Well, with that out of the way, we can now get on with some humor. I have this really good joke to tell. Unfortunately, it is too risqué so we'll just move on to something else. How about the President? He sure is something else. No, it would be too disgraceful to my country. Actually I have the utmost respect for the President — now that he's been shot. Isn't that the way it goes though? We don't appreciate someone until they are gone. Take for instance John Lennon. He died.

Getting back to the subject, of which this article has none, I just want to say life is too short to belittle someone because he doesn't paint his toenails or read Indian literature. No, it is much better to belittle someone because of the color of their hair and what size shoe they wear. Also remember that other people have feelings. Just because your feelings are much more important you don't have the right to forget these other people. I too am a person so don't forget me when you say your prayers or write your will. I, not like a policeman, will accept anything you want to give me so don't be embarrassed to mention me to your friends.

This is Rob, your host, saying goodbye and don't let a grizzly bear mistake you for an animal cracker.

Coaching spot up for grabs

by Mike Donnelly

As many of you may remember, NUHS Head Football Coach Stan Zweifel vacated that position recently to join the football coaching staff at Mankato State University. Under the program Zweifel became an assistant football coach at MSU, plus he continues his work toward a master's degree as a graduate assistant. However, the resignation of Zweifel created a problem for School Superintendent T.R. Olson and Athletic Director Cliff Anderson. They have to find a new head football coach.

Everyone has his own guess on who the new coach will be. Some think that a former coach will come out of retirement while others think that someone new will be brought in. Anderson, while regretting that he could not divulge any specifics, did shed some

light on the subject. "I can't name anybody, but we do have some people interested," he said. "At this point, the coach will probably be someone on the present teaching staff. This is because of the teacher cutbacks. T.R. Olson has the names of the candidates and is considering them."

Obviously, the new coach should be chosen soon. According to Anderson, the decision will be made "by spring-time." This is to allow the coach time to contact his personnel, organize the summer weight program, and get ready for next fall.

Regarding next year's football squad, Senior Jeff Marti commented, "With Zweifel, you guys will win the conference. Without him, you might have to work harder to win it."

Regardless of who the new coach will be, he will need the support and best wishes of the New Ulm fans, even though there is a good group of returning lettermen to work with.

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To restore prom's original meaning, we can cut its cost. Perhaps it is time to find a more suitable and less expensive place. Also, the tux and long dress tradition could be modified. I see nothing wrong with a regular suit and tie for the guys. I think it is ridiculous to buy an expensive long dress just for prom. Borrowing a long dress from

someone else or wearing a shorter dress makes more sense. A girl can get more wear out of a shorter dress, and it can be just as formal as a long dress. Prom is not a game and it is not meant to be

competitive. We need to change our reasons for going to prom and have a better attitude toward it.

Prom is one of the most anticipated, special, and memorable events of the school year. It is my hope that New Ulm students will break with tradition and change their expectations. Perhaps prom's true meaning can be restored.

There may be other reasons for the deterioration, but whatever they are, they need to be corrected before prom itself is stopped altogether.

Math team figures big in region

by Meg Hudak

The sound of "math" to some students sends shivers down their spines while it creates anxiety and confusion in others. But to six NUHS students, the subject is a stimulating form of pleasure. These students participate in the school's math team which allows them to have fun practicing math techniques while also learning.

Three years ago the idea of forming math teams at area high schools was started by a professor at Gustavus Adolphus College. It was at this time that the first math team at NUHS was also formed.

This year's math team began practicing in December after tryouts were completed. (Anyone with an interest in math can try out.) Practices are then set on a regular basis during Christmas vacation and before and after school. Unlike athletic teams, which have several opportunities to display their talents during a season, the math team receives only one opportunity.

The ability to perform most math skills competently is a "must" for belonging on this team. The contest contains various types of problems in varying degrees of difficulty. The only math function not covered in the contest is calculus. John Ferret, who is the faculty advisor for the team, noted that speed is also a major asset. "You have to be confident to answer quickly."

Preparation for the contest includes reviewing questions used in previous contests and gaining faith and control in answering questions.

This year's contest was held in February at Gustavus Adolphus College. Competing teams included Tracy, St. Peter, Fairmont, Blue Earth, and New Ulm, although any number of teams may compete. The contest was set up with four members from each team. Each member was situated in a way that enabled him to see an overhead projector. Questions were placed on the projector, and the first team that answered the question correctly received points for that answer. There were two rounds of time competition and one round in which any correct answer received points. Ken Olstad, Jeff Kragness, John Marti, and Scott Westra represented New Ulm along with alternates Doug Binder and Anne Sholtz.

Things "added up" well because New Ulm captured first place in the competition on the last question. Ferret compared the contest with "a tied football game with four seconds left and the other team has the ball."

As for a math team next year, things are looking promising. Ferret believes that there is enough interest in math now so next year's team should be capable of taking another first place. And as team member Anne Sholtz says, "If you like math, the math team and contest are a lot of fun."



Members of this year's winning math team include from left to right John Marti, Jeff Kragness, Doug Binder, Anne Sholtz, Ken Olstad, Scott Westra and advisor John Ferret.

people

Scholtz enjoys success with acid rain project

"Her major experiment was to determine how acid rain affected organisms in a hay infusion."

by Beth Norman

Acid rain may not always be the topics of conversations overheard in the hallways of the senior high, but acid rain has occupied Anne Scholtz' mind for the past nine months.

Last year when she was a freshman Scholtz decided to do a project for the science fair. Scholtz started the project in her 9th grade research class and has worked on it ever since. The main purpose of her project entitled "Acid Rain" was to determine how sulphuric acid rain affects reproductive cycles of simple aquatic organisms. Her major experiment was to determine how acid rain affected organisms in a hay infusion. Scholtz also did some experiments to determine whether the kind of bacteria changed as the pH changed, to learn how the changing pH affected daphnia and reproduction of their young, and to observe how pH affected tadpole and ferry shrimp and their reproductive cycles. Including research and experiments, work on this project lasted for eight to nine months.

Scholtz' first taste of competition with her project was at the regional science fair in Mankato. After winning at the regional, she was off to the state science fair which was also held in

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Sophomore Ann Scholtz first competed with her acid rain project at the regional science fair in Mankato.

Mankato. Eventually she progressed to the international science fair which was held in Minneapolis.

Her research paper also went to the regional and state contests and took first place at the state science fair. It will be entered in the national science fair at West Point from April 29 to May 6. The competition at West Point will include 64 students from all over the United States. The winner at the national fair will travel to Sweden to be a guest of honor at the Nobel Prize conferences. The top five students will receive an all-expense paid trip to London and Tokyo for sight seeing and, of course, these students will present their speeches and reports many times.

The manner in which her paper and project were judged are basically the same. The research paper is graded on grammar, coherence, and, most of all, the quality of the research. The project is judged on originality, competence, and the skill with which the student can explain his project.

Besides working on her science fair projects, Scholtz is involved with the tennis team, pom-pom squad, and the math team. She is uncertain of her future, but she would like to go into medical research or some form of chemistry. She says, "I like research and chemistry is my favorite subject right now, but who knows — I haven't been exposed to that much."

At the present time she is continuing work on her science fair project for this year. The title of her project is "How pH affects the reproductive cycles of XENOPUS LAEVIS," otherwise known as African clod frogs. Scholtz states that "my projects have really opened a lot of new doors for me and made my future much more interesting."



Bezdichek feels the only real secret to success is working hard and liking what you are doing.

For Bezdichek business is pleasure

"Don't be scared to make a step and buy this or buy that. If it's no good, get rid of it. If you take a little beating, so what?"

by Lisa Walston

Clem Bezdichek is a true-to-life success story. He started with nothing; now he has everything that would term someone a "success" in life.

Bezdichek is the owner of four Ben Franklin stores in Minnesota. Besides the well-known Clem's in New Ulm, Bezdichek also owns stores in Hastings, Northfield, and Red Wing.

After graduating from high school, Bezdichek attended the University of Minnesota with a major in accounting. Following college, he worked for his father for three years before stepping out on his own.

Bezdichek bought a supermarket, a broke supermarket. In fact, he was broke himself. He worked hard to build up the store. Once his supermarket was on firm ground, Bezdichek sold it. He immediately bought another supermarket that was bankrupt, built it up, and sold it.

Then he decided to try a variety store. That is when he became involved with the Ben Franklin chain.

When speaking of his store in New Ulm, Bezdichek says, "I had to build her from a dollar up."

Bezdichek enjoyed the competition he received from Woolworth's when he first bought the store 25 years ago. However, he did not complain when Woolworth's left town.

Bezdichek enjoys nearly every aspect of his work. He loves work in itself. Some consider him a "workaholic."

"I tried retiring but it didn't work for me," Bezdichek claims. "Tried that 25 years ago, but it didn't work. Oh, I suppose I was too young yet."

"I had three things I thought were really a pleasure. I love to fish, and I love to play poker, and I love to drink some beer. When I sold my last supermarket, I thought, 'Well, for five years I'm gonna do these things every day.'"

It's funny. In six months I got so fed up with fishing. I got so fed up with drinking beer that I came back, bought these buildings, and went to work. So what you think is pleasure, if you have to do it every day, is not pleasure."

"I think I'm the happiest when I'm here in the store doing advertising and payroll and pricing the merchandise."

Bezdichek feels the only real secret to success is hard work and liking what you are doing.

"You look at movie actresses and different people who are in the big time, and they have put a lot of hard work into it," says Bezdichek.

"It just don't come easy. You work your fanny off, at least in my case, to get where I got."

"I love merchandising. It's a challenge. If you're in a job and you're in it for just the monetary value and you don't like it, you won't be too big of a success at that then. You gotta like what you're doing."

"I got so fed up with drinking beer that I came back, bought these buildings, and went to work."

Bezdichek feels that the problem with today's youth is that they lack ambition and dedication. He also thinks that taking chances is the only way to get ahead.

"I tell my kids 'Don't be scared to jump into this or that. You learn from every one, you know. Don't be scared to make a step and buy this or buy that. If it's no good, get rid of it. If you take a little beating, so what?'"

However, Bezdichek also believes Lady Luck was on his side throughout his life.

"I hit it lucky. I made good investments. I wasn't scared to plunge into this or that. In that way I also acquired a lot of farms, apartment houses, and buildings."

Bezdichek is presently considering buying two more stores, but he says he'll wait until the interest rates drop.

As far as his outlook on life goes, Bezdichek had this comment to make: "Yep, it's a great ol' life!"

behind the scenes

Hogen in variety of musical performances

"Hogen...spends a lot of time in the music department."

by Lisa Clark

This month's Behind the Scenes spotlight shines on Cindy Hogen. And the spotlight literally has been on Hogen in numerous musical performances during her high school years.

Hogen, who says music is her main interest, spends a lot of time in the music department.

She is currently involved in Concert Band, Swing Band, Concert Choir, and Vocal Mania. She participated in a choir and band contest on the local and regional levels, held March 27 and April 11, respectively. In the local contest Hogen performed a vocal solo and sang in a girls' barbershop quartet for the vocal portion. She also played a band solo and the clarinet in a woodwind quartet. Both of her vocal acts were presented at the regional competition.



After completion of college Hogen would like to be a private tutor in a foreign country or an interpreter.

Those who attended the spring vocal concert, "As One Voice," heard Hogen sing a duet with sophomore Erik Kask. She also performed in "South Pacific," the spring musical. Besides her musical and drama activities, Hogen is a member of the Foreign Language Club.

Hogen's part-time job as a waitress at Ebert's Chalet keeps her busy. This summer she hopes to find another part-time job in order to save money for her college education.

She plans to attend the College of Liberal Arts at the University of Minnesota where she would like to major in foreign languages. After completion of college Hogen wants to be a private tutor in a foreign country or an interpreter.

Even though Hogen is looking forward to graduation, she has enjoyed her high school years and knows she'll miss NUHS. "High school goes by so fast — before you even get a chance to appreciate it."

BMOC has been running all his life

Domine dedicated runner

by Denise Haas

This month's BMOC (Big Man on Campus) is Steve Domine. He is involved in Concert Band, Swing Band, the Pit Band for South Pacific, City Band, Cross-Country, and Track. He is also the President of Concert Choir.

Anyone attending a cross country or track meet or, for that matter, walking down Payne Street, knows that Domine enjoys running. He has lettered in both of these sports since his sophomore year and received a high points award as a senior.

Although Domine has won several medals, ribbons, and other prizes for his running over the past few years, he has worked hard. Much of his spare time involves running. He has run over 5,200 miles since joining the cross country team.

When Domine isn't involved in music, running, or other school-related activities, he might be found at Patter-

"Domine's interest in music started him on the trumpet, but he switched to the tuba in the 7th grade because that section needed additional players."

son's Jewelry, where he has a part-time job. His hours vary with the time of year because he is involved with cross-country or track for much of the school year.

Other than running, Domine likes collecting stamps, listening to music, camping, being involved in just about any type of sport, and spending as much of his time as possible outdoors.

He became interested in cross country when he was in the 8th grade. "Dave Affolter and Todd Tyler got me

started when they saw me run the 600 yard physical fitness test, and they said I should try cross-country."

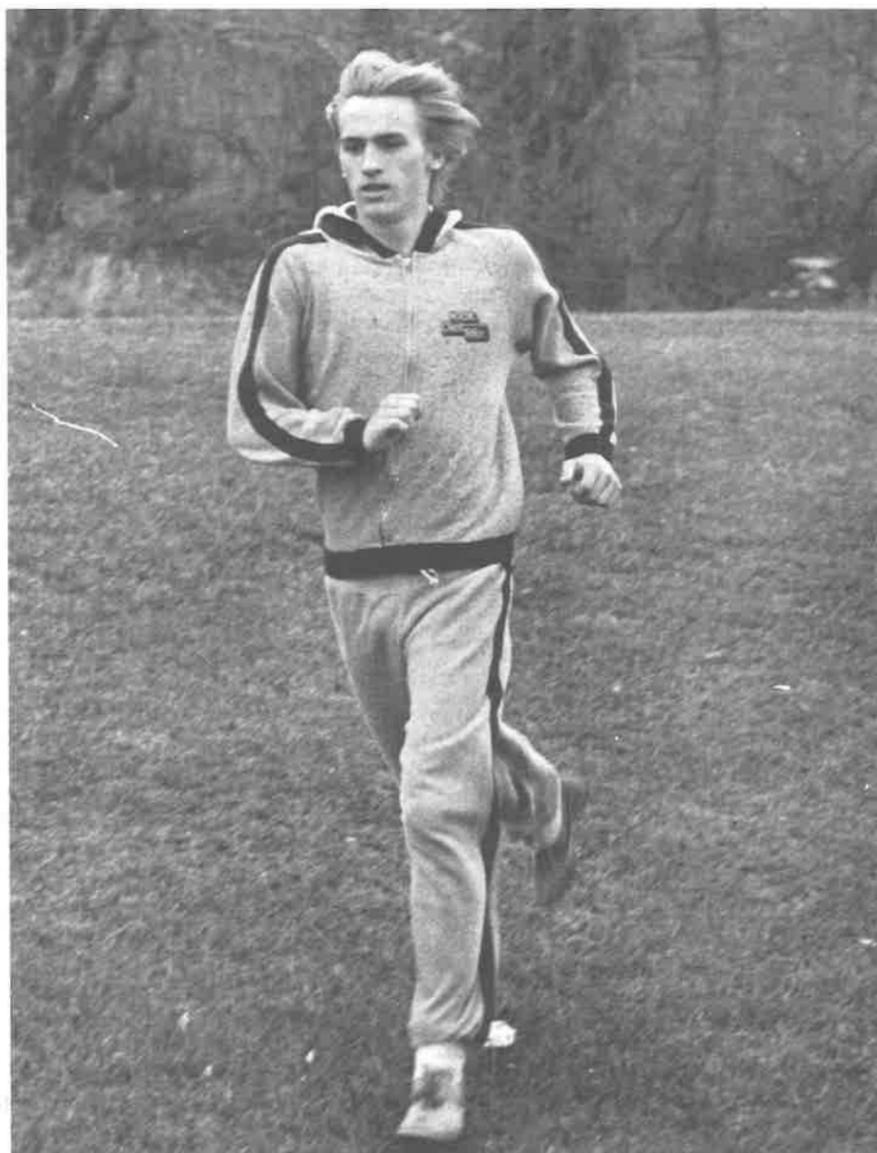
Domine's interest in music started him on the trumpet, but he switched to the tuba in the 7th grade because that section needed additional players.

Of all his classes he enjoys science, band, and choir the most. Science because of the "wide variety of subjects and things to do," and Band and Choir because "it helps break up the workload from the other classes, and helps me unwind during a hectic day."

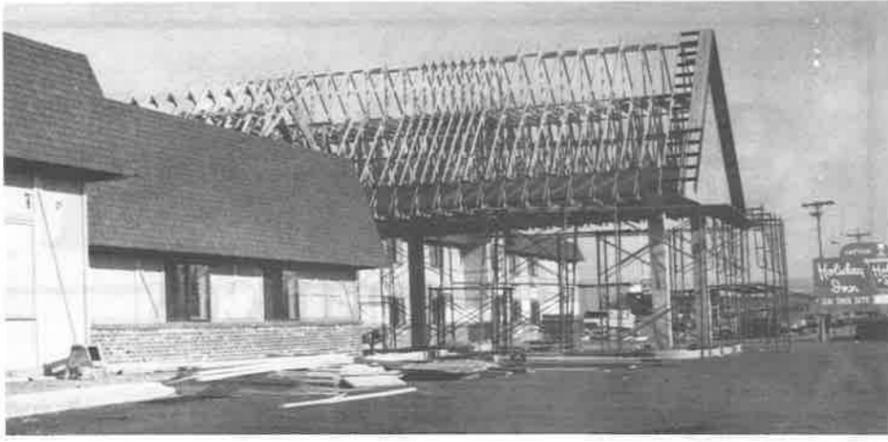
Last summer Domine attended Camp Rising Sun. This special camp, located about 100 miles north of New York City, was attended by approximately 60 boys from 17 different countries. These boys, representing a variety of nationalities, lived together for two months during which time they participated in sports and theatre in addition to attending classes in psychology, water safety, and jazz dance. Domine represented the midwest region of the Continental U.S. This program was entirely funded by a foundation for the sole purpose of bringing together boys from various backgrounds in order to benefit from each other's cultures.

His future plans include attending Mankato State University with a major in Business Administration. Domine chose MSU because it has an outstanding business department. He also has the opportunity to work at a Mankato jewelry store part-time. He plans to go out for cross-country and Pep Band.

Domine decided on a major in business because he felt these classes would be helpful. His long-range plans include owning his own jewelry store.



Domine has run over 5,200 miles since joining the cross country team.



The New Ulm Holiday Inn, currently under construction, will have a German atmosphere.

Heritage built into new inn

by Lorie Mogen

An exiting industrial addition will be opening for business in New Ulm around the first of June. It is one of the country's most unique Holiday Inns, and its arrival in New Ulm is going to cause some interesting changes. There will now be facilities for all kinds of groups to meet, eat, and do it all in the most traditional German style found anywhere, but in Germany. The actual opening date of the authentic looking German Inn cannot be determined yet, but the estimation is June first.

The 90,000 square foot structure is designed with 126 rooms that are decorated so the guest will feel like he has just stepped back in time into a beautiful German Inn. It will include an enclosed pool, whirl pool, sauna, and game room around a large cobblestone courtyard, which is built to resemble the streets of historic old Germany. The Holiday Inn will be able to accommodate as many as 350 people at banquets and small party meetings of only 14. The largest room, called the Burgermeister Suite, comes equipped with kingsize bed, built-in bar, huge wood burning fire place, and the tile in the washroom is actually manufactured in Germany.

Included with the Holiday Inn will be an adjoining restaurant that features delicious and authentically prepared German foods as well as the other types of food found in every top rate restaurant in any Holiday Inn. Each employee's costume will adhere

to the strictest German historical traditions. Even the maids and busboys will look the German part.

The unique part of the building is that this German style Holiday Inn is the only one of its kind in the country. The developers believe this fact will generate interest among tourists to visit New Ulm, and in turn the added traffic will benefit other businesses.

New Ulm industries are going to benefit from the Holiday Inn. Currently any industrial conventions have to be held out of town due to lack of an adequate facility. Soon there will be excellent accommodations for almost any number of people who want to hold their company meetings or conventions in New Ulm. There is overnight space enough for hundreds, and the Inn has a number of large banquet rooms that can seat as many as 350 people at a time. The cocktail lounge and dance floor will feature a curved bar and dance floor with live entertainment six days a week. Some local talent has already been booked for 1981.

Probably most important about the Holiday Inn is the new jobs it will bring to the community. All types of jobs are still available for high-school age people such as part-time maids, cocktail waitresses if they are over 18, restaurant waitresses, bus boys, and many more part-time jobs. To apply for a position at the Holiday Inn, contact the New Ulm Job Service listed in the yellow pages. All the hiring for the Holiday Inn is done through the Job Service office.

"South Pacific" tale of tropical romance

by Amy Mc Clellan

The NUHS Spring Musical "South Pacific" was a predicted hit. The combined efforts of Drama Coach Carol Ackerson and Choir Director Dan Digre were essential to the musical, and the leads, Sue Forst, Kristina Ryberg, Scott Westra, and Tad Thompson devoted talent and time to the production.

"South Pacific," a Rodgers and Hammerstein musical, was first performed in 1949. The setting for the story is a naval base on a small South Pacific island during World War II. Occasional scenes take place on a neighboring island, Bali Hai.

On this South Island Nellis Forbush (Forst), a young Navy nurse from Little Rock, Arkansas, falls in love with a middle-aged Frenchman, Emile de Becque (Westra). De Becque has been a planter on the island for 25 years and his first wife, a Polynesian woman, died many years before. Because of Nellie's bigoted Arkansas upbringing, she has second thoughts about accepting de Becque's proposal.

Meanwhile, Lt. Joseph Cable (Thompson), a marine from Philadelphia, has been transferred to the island for a special assignment. A native of the island, Bloody Mary (Ryberg), introduces Cable to her daughter on Bali Hai. Cable falls in love with Liat (Amy McClellan), but because of his racial prejudice, Cable cannot marry the native girl he loves.

"South Pacific" emphasizes the plight of Cable and Nellie who, like so many young Americans during WW II, found themselves in strange places, leading lives for which they were never prepared.

Also stationed on the island is a group of sailors, seabees, and marines who are sorely in need of female companionship. The leader of the pack is a mischievous seabee, Luther Billis (Jim Quiggle), and the naval base is commanded by Capt. Brackett (Dan Skillings), a hard-nosed captain whom the men nick-name "iron-belly."

Although the cast is smaller than in past musicals, none of the cast members has regretted their involvement. Westra feels that the musical has "taught me the life styles of different people, particularly the character I play." Forst says, "The musical has given me the chance to get to know a lot of people that I never knew before." Quiggle and Thompson will miss their involvement and regret that the school doesn't put on a musical every year.

A week before the musical its success was questionable. Ryberg felt "like every play it will have its good and bad aspects. The musical will be good as long as everyone does their best. We're not trying for professionalism."

Forst encourages involvement in future musicals. "You've only got three years of high school. If you don't participate in college, you're done."



Captain Brackett, played by Dan Skillings, berates Bloody Mary, played by Kris Ryberg, in a scene from "South Pacific."

Students get into PEOPEL

by Ann Forst

Beginning next fall the Physical Education Department of the Senior High will include in its curriculum a program entitled PEOPEL. Physical Education Opportunity Program for Exceptional Learners (PEOPEL) is a federally funded program for students. According to Rich Peterson, "PEOPEL is basically designed for anybody who for some reason or another could do better in a PEOPEL class than in a regular phys. ed. class."

Each class will have a maximum of thirty students. Fifteen PEOPEL students and fifteen PEOPEL aids. A PEOPEL student is someone who has not done well in a regular phys. ed. class because he may be mentally, physically, or socially handicapped. A

PEOPEL aid is a student who has done adequate in phys. ed. classes, and when he is involved in this program, he will be a "buddy" to the PEOPEL student.

PEOPEL got its start on March 30, the first day of the fourth quarter. Peterson and his student aids will take five weeks of the quarter to study from a manual used in the preparation of a PEOPEL class. The last half of the quarter will be an actual PEOPEL class involving both the aids and the students. Normally student aids will be required to take a complete quarter to prepare for the actual class, but Peterson specified that "the first step is to get a miniature program started." The aids and students participating in this PEOPEL program will continue the phys. ed. class next fall for a full school year.

Throughout the PEOPEL class, which will be scheduled for fourth hour next year, an aid will help a student build his skills in various physical education activities, such as archery, badminton, etc. The program is designed so that one PEOPEL aid and one PEOPEL student will work together for a maximum of one to two weeks and the aids will then switch and work with a different student. Junior Dave Jobe, who is involved as an aid in the PEOPEL program, commented, "After high school I want to get into this area of study, and PEOPEL will give me some experience." Katie Gag noted her reason for wanting to be a part of PEOPEL; "I like to help people and be around them."

Students who are involved as aids in the program will receive a quarter

credit for the preparation class and a full credit for next year's participation.

PEOPEL involves students, but as Peterson explained, "All phys. ed. teachers are involved to some extent. It takes full cooperation between principals, counselors, and the school nurse, all of whom observe students."

PEOPEL was started in Phoenix, Arizona, to satisfy Public Law 94-142, which outlines the idea of "an individualized rather than a general physical education program." New Ulm Senior High is one of the first schools in the state of Minnesota to include PEOPEL in its phys. ed. program. The Junior High is also starting a similar program for its students.

Reflecting on PEOPEL, Peterson stated, "It deals a lot with human relations and understanding one another."

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Weather could prove to be Eagle ally

Time out with Tyler



by Todd Tyler

Spring is here and so is the spring weather. The unseasonably good weather has meant that the spring sports' teams have had more of a chance to practice outdoors.

With this great weather and the abilities of some of the NUHS teams, some New Ulm clout might be established in the South Central Conference this year.

Boys' golf is again looking towards Al Blackstad as the team leader. After a very impressive sophomore year and a trip to the state his junior year, Blackstad looks like a top contender again. *The nice weather has permitted both the girls' and boys' golf teams to be on the course exceptionally early so both teams may have depth and experience.*

The baseball team, who have also been outdoors for practices, have

begun another season. Although there are no more Steinbachs left, names such as Wilner, Renner, and Koch will draw attention just as well.

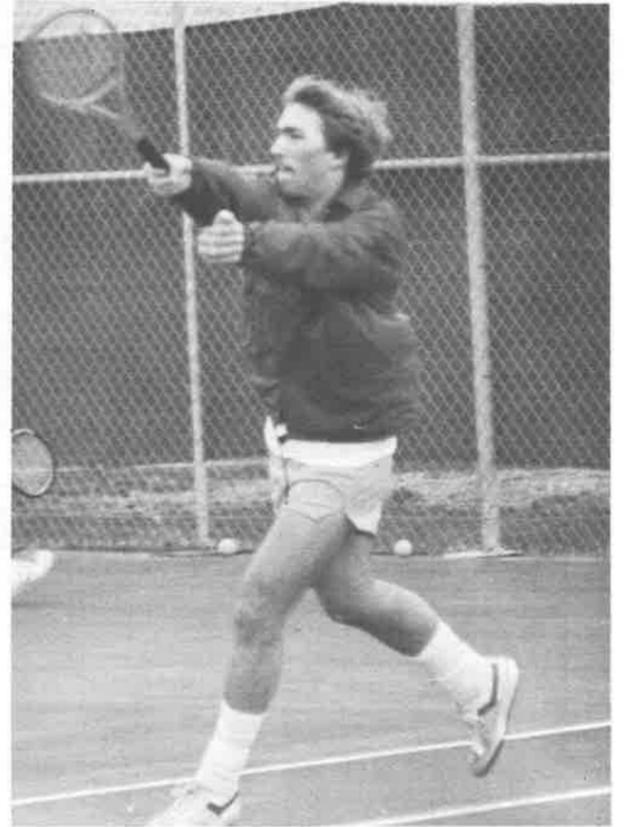
After talking with some of the softball players, I got the impression that they may go all the way this year. The only loss to graduation were two starters so most of the team is back. With the experience of this year's team and the pitching of Brudlie and Company, the girls just might be right.

With fourth place finishes at the SCC Indoor Track Meet, the boys' and girls' track teams can only look for better finishes at later conference meets. For the most part, both teams are dark horses looking for lucky breaks, and both teams have the same problem: strong in some events and weak in others. The two bright spots for the guys are Bruce Bushard and Joel Johansen. For the girls, Kris Traurig is back and looks as strong as ever. She competed in the state track meet last year, and a return performance would be a good way to end her senior year.

As for the boy's tennis team, they can do nothing but improve. With the increase in court time and the strong rackets of Jim Benson and Don Eliason, things might begin to happen.

May your chip shot drop,
May your ball not pop,
Let the baton never halt,
And avoid the double fault.

Senior, Jim Benson who plays doubles with Scott Becker, nails a shot down the line during practice.



Netters have double threat

by Eric Wilner

The 1981 boys' tennis team is a fairly young team which contains only three seniors: Jim Benson, Don Eliason, and Phil Vorwerk.

The most experienced part of this year's team will be the two doubles teams of Jim Benson and Scott Becker and the team of Don Eliason and Phil Vorwerk. Both of these doubles teams saw a lot of varsity action last year.

This year's team will be inexperienced in the single's department, however. One singles player returning from last year is Dan Esser, a junior. Other

singles players competing for varsity jobs are Mike Donnelly and John Hoggatt, both sophomores, and Paul Ringhoffer and Mike Ballard, both of whom are coming over from Cathedral to play.

What will really be missed from last year is the singles play of Jon Senum, who graduated. The team will miss his talent on the court and his leadership.

The favorite at the beginning of the season for the South Central Conference champion is Blue Earth, who has always been a top contender for the conference championships.

Track team off to a fast start

by Katie O'Connor

The New Ulm boys' track team is off to a good start this year. As of this writing they have participated in two meets, both of which have been at the indoor track at Mankato State University.

The first meet was a South Central Conference meet in which the boys placed fourth out of seven teams. Although the track team finished fourth overall, they had some pretty impressive performances. Placing first in both hurdle events was Bruce Bushard, who, according to some, "looks really good and has the potential to have a great season." Also placing first for the Eagles was the 1600-meter medley relay team consisting of Joel Johansen (the team's "ace in the hole" according to Coach Davis in an article in the *(Journal)*) Steve Werdahl, Todd Stock, and Todd Tyler.

The second meet was an Invitational in which the Eagle boys finished first among teams. Capturing first, second, and third place were the shot putters Jeff Marti, Jim Johnson, and Dave Jobe. Dave Filzen placed first in the high jump. Bruce Bushard took first in both hurdle events. Todd Tyler, probably the team's most promising 800-meter runner, placed second. Joel Johansen took honors in the 400-meter dash. Steve Domine, one of the team's best distance runners, received second



Sophomores Scott Walden left and Chris Bloomer right loosen-up their sore muscles on the school's new all-weather track.

in the 3,200-meter run.

So far, Bruce Bushard and Joel Johansen appear to be two standouts for the Eagles. Bushard has placed first in the 55-meter intermediate and high hurdles in both meets. In the Invitational, he long-jumped for the first time and got fourth.

Johansen does well in just about every area in which he competes. Like

Bushard, in the Invitational Johansen tried the long jump for the first time and finished in second place. He did well in the 400 and the relays.

Although most of the aches and pains and sore, stiff muscles are gone, the track team still has a lot of hard work ahead, but after their impressive start they are looking forward to a successful season.

Girls' golf green team

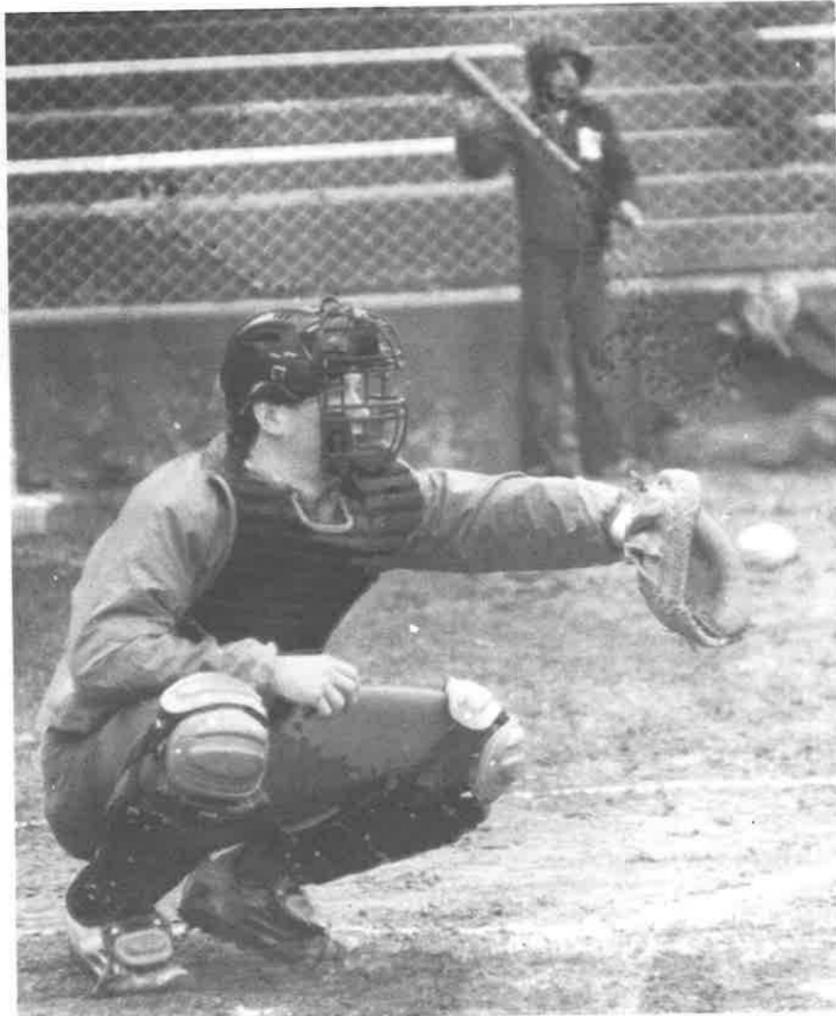
by Gwen Breu

Along with spring comes some of the sports for which New Ulm is best known. There is however, one spring sport that doesn't receive much recognition at all, girls' golf.

Contrary to popular belief, golf is not just a sport in which you leisurely hit the little white ball around and try to get it into a hole. Golf involves as much hard work as any sport does. It also involves a lot of patience and dedication. But despite all the work put in by the girls, most of the people in New Ulm rarely hear anything about the success or failure of the girls' golf team. Needless to say, sometimes the girls get a little upset when they do well and nobody knows about it.

Lowell Liedman, the coach of the girls' golf team, commented on the lack of coverage and recognition the girls receive. "I guess I'm used to the lack of coverage because I used to play high-school golf, but I wish we'd get more coverage for the girl's sake.

This year the girls' golf team consists of twenty-three girls, three of which are seniors. Only one of the seniors is an experienced golfer. The other two are out for golf for the first time in high school. Obviously, this situation makes the team very young. Coach Liedman stated, "We are a young team, but we are a very promising team." The girls will have a chance to prove themselves because they have twelve dual meets and three tournaments on their schedule.



Senior Tim Renner will probably see much action behind the plate this year.

Senske has talented roster

by Mary Moriarty

With another baseball season at hand, coach Jim Senske promises a club which will live or die on speed, good defense, fundamentals and, most of all, pitching.

Senske, in his 17th year of coaching, will admittedly miss the home run power of several graduated ballplayers, but he is optimistic about returning five starters, including all-conference outfielder Carl Koch. Although Senske has not yet trimmed the varsity squad down to its official roster, he expects Koch, Jeff Stoll, and Dave Shavlik to see plenty of action in the outfield. Ray Achman, Doug Zimmerman, Steve Forstner, and Eric Wilner will probably anchor the infield positions. Zimmerman, Forstner, Achman, and Wilner will also be vying for positions on Senske's three-man pitching rotation which will have to do a first-class job if the Eagles are to be in contention

for the South Central Conference crown. Either Tim Renner or Steve Janni will handle the catching duties.

Last season the Eagles compiled a 16-3 overall record while finishing second behind a strong Waseca club, but this year Senske expects an uphill struggle against Fairmont and St. Peter in the SCC before heading into sub-regions. Last year Marshall ended the Eagles' hopes for a regional berth. Sub-regions aside, New Ulm entertained Mankato East on April 6th when the Eagles kicked off the 1981 baseball season.

While Senske was reluctant to make predictions, he did feel that if the Eagle hurlers can put together a fine season the club will give Fairmont and St. Peter a run for the conference title. "The SCC is a very balanced conference in which a coin could be flipped to choose the favorite and I think if we play good fundamental baseball and get good pitching we could win the title."

Girls' track a veteran team

by Dave Filzen

According to Coach Ev Steffel, the girls' track team outlook for the 1981 track season is promising. The members of the team agree and entertain hopes of having a successful season.

This year's edition of the girl tracksters features 13 returning letterwinners, several promising newcomers, and seven athletes from Cathedral High School. They are taking part in the Eagle track program because CHS does not have one. Among the returning senior veterans are co-captains Kris Traurig and Michelle Bloedel, Cindy Scheid, Denise Schultz, and Deb Sorenson. Junior veterans include Cindy Fiemeyer, Marsha Rieck, Lisa

Schapekam, and Vicki Thomas. Returning sophomore letterwinners include Lisa Block, Bonnie Duetsch, Katie Gag, and Laurie Johnson. With the returning letterwinners and the promising newcomers, it looks like the talent is there to have a successful season.

Due to the cooperative weather and an early spring, the team has been able to work out on the year-old all-weather track since their first practice in March. The girls' times and field event standards are much improved over those of last year at this same time. The girls hope that their performance at the end of the season will reflect the benefit of their early season work.

When asked about a team goal for this season, Steffel responded by say-

Golf team learns life-long sport

by Don Eliason

For the past 16 years there has been one coach of boys' golf, Richard Werdahl. Every spring Werdahl's small crew tries to improve their own game. "Golf is a very individual sport; each player is different. Everyone has their own style and stroke," stated Werdahl.

Werdahl is encouraged with this year's squad. There are four returning lettermen. Al Blackstad, a senior three-time golf letterman and state participant in 1980, is one of the four. The top spot should be held down by Blackstad while the second and third positions are up for grabs between two seniors. Returning letterman Dave Leske and first year man Bryan Stuckey will dual it out for the second position. Other hopefuls on the squad include senior Mark Anderson and juniors Mitch Haber and John Heymann. The rest of the squad includes some promising sophomores.

Although golf is not looked upon as a major sport by most students, Werdahl feels the participation is just right. "Sure we've only got about fifteen members on our squad, but for golf that's plenty. If we had any more, I wouldn't be able to spend the time with

each individual that I'd like to," explained Werdahl.

Some possible goals for the squad are improving on last year's record, winning the conference, and possibly sending a member or two to state competition.

However, these goals are not easy as Werdahl is quick to point out. The regional playoffs are conducted in one day, so the golfer must be playing his best on that particular day. Out of approximately six participants in the region, only six or seven individuals will make it to state competition.

If you don't think much of golf now, consider its possibilities later in life. Golf is one of those unique sports which an individual can literally play all his life. There's no need to assemble a team or worry about getting seriously injured. Golf is not a physically demanding sport, but its mental challenge is, at times, overwhelming. "It's not easy to become a good golfer. It takes years of hard work, not so much physical work but mental work, and constant sharpening of skills and techniques," stated Werdahl.

So if you're sitting around this spring with not much to do and you've got a few bucks to invest in a new adventure, try golf. You just might be surprised.

Softball team hard on opponents

by Diane Hawkins

Last year the girls' softball team was out to have a winning season. This year the team is not only out to win but striving towards a number one conference ranking.

The team works out at practices every night for at least an hour and a half. Some points that coach James Pearson is emphasizing are playing with team work and enjoying the game. Jackie Brudelic commented, "Everyone is a part of the team even if he is on the bench. He is still backing the players by supporting their efforts and showing some enthusiasm."

Coach Pearson and the team have set some team goals. They want to defeat every team that they didn't last year. The team also wants to take the

conference and then shoot for the regional championship. One player added simply, "We're going to state this year." Pearson agrees with this statement, and the girls are aiming toward their goals with hard work, enthusiasm, and a lot of positive attitudes.

Mary Moriarty commented, "The baseball team is supported by many people, which is great, but I think it is unfair that people don't take some time to watch a few of our games because we've really been working hard to reach our goal of going to state." The team would appreciate increased attendance at their games to help cheer them on to a victory. To find out when their games will be played, students can get a girls' softball schedule in the athletic director's office.



"Steffel's Angels," Chris Schmitz, Pam Bloedel, and Mary Schlumpberger, warm-up before practice.