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Cruisers could become just ghost-riders

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by Lisa Walston

The price of gasoline has been steadily increasing for the past year. The cost of transportation is having many ill effects on NUHS students, and the future looks bleak.

Major gas companies are predicting that Americans will be paying \$1.50 or better for a gallon of gasoline by July 4, 1981. There is a rumor circulating among the oil companies that the price could reach \$2.00 by the end of the year. Presently the price in New Ulm ranges from about \$1.29 to \$1.43 per gallon.

The majority of students at NUHS feel that their driving habits have been restricted since the gas price increases.

For example, the old custom of "cruising" is gradually fading away.

No one can afford it. According to the New Ulm Police Department, kids have resorted to "sitting in the parking lots around town." If current trends continue, cruising could very well become a thing of the past in New Ulm.

Students who live in rural areas have been hit the hardest. These students, many of whom used to drive to school every day, now drive to school only when it is absolutely necessary.

Because parents of many of these students pay for their gas, the students have extra restrictions on their driving. In this case, the drivers are not restricted by their wallet but by their parents.

You may have noticed a declining attendance at school extracurricular activities recently. Money once again becomes a vital factor. Students have found that it takes a lot of dedication (and a considerable amount of money) to be involved in school activities.

Some students feel that not being able to participate in these extracurricular activities because of financial matters takes away from their education. Extracurricular activities are an extension of school which provides students with the opportunity to develop individual skills or talents. If students cannot participate in these activities because of economics, some talents may never have the chance to surface.

One NUHS rural student commented, "If it were my decision, I

would go to all the basketball games and wrestling meets. But my parents pay for my gas, and they just can't afford that."

Many rural students also have jobs in New Ulm. "I make just enough money at my job in town to pay for the gas of getting there. That's not even worth it," declared a NUHS senior.

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Even though things are relatively easier for students who live in New Ulm, they have their share of problems too. These students claim they have limited their driving considerably. More of the city dwellers said they pay for their own gasoline, but these students are looking for alternative modes of transportation.

Fortunately, students are provided with some transportation assistance. There is always the reliable school bus and activity bus. As for work, some students have mentioned the thought of calling Minnesota Rideshare, a new statewide organization system.

As the price of gas steadily increases, fewer and fewer cars appear in the high school parking lot every morning. When warm weather comes along, there is a good possibility that one's "wheels of fortune" could be a 10-speed bike.



A larger part of students' money is going towards a full tank of gas.

editorial

Farmer's gross income misleading

Farmers need not apply



by Ann Forst

Most seniors who further their education after graduating from high school find the money situation tight. Either the student hasn't saved enough money, or his parents are unable to pay the tuition and other expenses connected with his schooling.

Naturally, in this situation the best action a student may take is to apply for some sort of financial aid, perhaps a scholastic or athletic scholarship, a government grant, or aid from Dollars for Scholars. Whatever type of aid is sought, either a scholarship or a government grant, students whose parents own a farm are finding it increasingly difficult to obtain financial aid.

Sometime during the year every high school senior receives a Family Financial Statement (FFS) through the mail. This packet contains several forms in which both the student and his parents must provide personal information such as income and value of assets if the student wants to apply for aid. The information a student and his parents return on the FFS are used to determine which students will receive grants and scholarships.

Section F of the FFS form, which a student must complete when applying for financial aid, involves a "Parents' Financial Statement." Question 48 of this portion of the FFS form requests the parents' 1980 IRS Adjusted Gross Income. According to the FFS instructions booklet, "IRS Adjusted Gross Income is the total income earned from

work plus interest income, dividends, and other taxable income." A farmer's Adjusted Gross Income, for example, may be \$100,000. This amount of money may seem large but it is misleading because of the high operating expenses. A farmer must also reinvest some of his gross income in order to continue his depreciation allowances.

This money is not collecting interest in a bank because it has been spent to improve the farm and take care of personal and household expenses.

The answer to question 63 of Section F on the FFS form involving the worth of a farm or business is also misleading. The student is required to state how much his "parents business and farm are worth today." Including "the value of land, buildings, machinery, equipment, livestock, inventories, etc." In the case of a farmer and the land he farms, the value of the land cannot be judged by comparison to other land recently sold or the present market value determined by his lawyer. The given land acreage may be worth more to one person or less to another depending on personal wants or allocations. Therefore, a farmer can never be accurate when answering question 63 or the FFS form involving the worth of his farm because of these differences.

We wish the government administrators and organizations who sponsor scholarships would take a more accurate look at the farmer's situation concerning the worth of his farm and his precise Adjusted Gross Income. The figures written on the financial statement are true, but they are not the "whole story." The persons who determine which student receives a grant or scholarship should look beyond the numbers. Some farm families have given up, out of frustration, filling out the Family Financial Statement. Their students will not receive a grant because of the misleading and inconclusive figures farm parents are requested to report.

Civil Liberties Union steals "Christmas"

by Lorie M. Mogen

On a frosty evening sometime around Christmas this year, you may visit one of the area schools' vocal concerts presented especially for the holiday season. There probably won't be any noticeable changes, and perhaps the same songs will be sung with a few variations. But the name of the concert will be changed. Instead of calling it a Christmas Concert, New Ulm Senior High School will be calling their program a "Winter Concert." The reasons for the changes are perhaps hard to understand for some, but this reporter found the facts to be something in this order.

A civil rights group, called the Civil Liberties Union, notified the school

district's administration that by calling the concerts "Christmas" the school is discriminating against other world religions that do not believe in the divinity of Jesus Christ. The Civil Liberties Union is especially concerned about keeping the Constitutional provision of "separation of Church and State" alive and active for the good of the entire country.

New Ulm is not the only city that will be making the change. Schools all over the United States will change the names of not only their concerts but also their Easter vacation to "Spring Break."

America was founded on the principle of freedom and equality to all people. By making these changes, the New Ulm Public Schools will uphold these American standards to the fullest extent possible.



Library is not a lounge



by Lisa Gitter

Have you ever been in the library and found yourself moving from table to table because of the distractions? Then you finally moved out of the library because you could no longer hear yourself think? Well, this experience happened to me recently and I found it frustrating and upsetting.

The purpose of the library is being abused and the present action must be corrected. One of the reasons for this misuse is the loss of the social studies' resource center. Because it is no longer a part of the library, there is one less supervisor to monitor students.

Another reason is that there are simply too many students in the library at one time. Many of the people in the library are there to socialize and not to study or do research. At the last faculty meeting a limit of five students who can go to the library from each study hall was set. It's hoped this restriction will improve the noisy conditions that have so far existed.

When students have nothing to do, they go to the library to read a magazine or chat with their friends. Their talking makes it difficult for other students to concentrate.

There is no harm in talking to a

friend in the library, but talking or laughing so loud that people are disturbed is irritating and discourteous. Students should respect those who really want to use the library.

There is nothing wrong with leisure reading in the library, but perhaps there should be some place else for magazine or a newspaper. A leisure reading room would cut down on the amount of people in the library. It would also reduce the amount of noise and distractions.

There probably is no solution to eliminating all the noise and disruptions, but if students have some respect for others and stop abusing the library, then those who want will be able to study.

The library has a purpose, like everything else in school, and if some people abuse it, then its purpose is ruined for those who really need to use the library.

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the guidepost

by Jim Zetah, Counselor

School District No. 88 adopted a Student Assistance Program in August, 1980. After learning that, many of you might have responded with a "so what," "what else is new," or "big deal." Perhaps some of you asked yourself, "What is it?" or "What do they mean by a student assistance program?" I hope to answer that question.

The Student Assistance Program was developed by a committee of teachers, administrators, and counselors representing grades K-12. For several years there has been a

growing concern among the faculty about the problems some students were experiencing with alcohol and other chemical use and abuse. We felt a need to develop a program to assist students who were having problems and to look at ways to help others from getting harmfully involved in chemical abuse.

If we were to conduct a survey of our students at New Ulm High School, I suspect we would find students in various use patterns. A certain number of students do not use any chemicals. Another group of students is in an experimental stage. The third group may be occasional users, and finally there is a group of students who are frequent users who are using at least one chemical three or four times each week. This last group would likely fall into a chemically dependent category: chemicals, alcohol, and other drugs are a must to survive each day.

The chemical abuser and the chemically dependent are the students of most concern to the faculty. The ir-

responsible use of chemicals generally results in problems affecting the student, the family, and friends.

The Student Assistance Program was developed to give students an opportunity to explore their use pattern with a resource person, to look at ways of changing the pattern, and to provide direction to seek help.

In the past, if a student was identified as intoxicated, stoned, bombed or high, the parents would be contacted, and a five day suspension would occur. After the five day period, the parents or students would meet with a principal and re-entry to school would normally occur and no other help would be offered or be available.

The Student Assistance Program now provides a series of steps to be followed. Help is available if it is requested or seen to be needed. If a student is identified as having a possible problem with chemicals, a conference with a counselor is arranged followed by a parent conference. A referral could be made to a chemical dependency counselor for further review to determine the extent of the chemical use or abuse. All of this can occur while the student continues in school instead of being suspended.

Once the chemical dependency

counselor completes the interview with the student, parents, and school people, a recommendation would be made. The recommendation may suggest that no problem exists, or that some abuse of chemicals is evident, or a chemical dependency problem is present and treatment will be recommended. Treatment or help might mean any of the following number of things:

- 1) referral to a treatment center for 28 days
- 2) referral to a counseling group at a treatment center
- 3) participation in an alcoholics anonymous group
- 4) referral to an in-school counseling group
- 5) counseling with a chemical dependency counselor or school counselor
- 6) a combination of the above

The important thing to note is that if help is needed, help is available. The school is committed to treat chemical dependency as any other illness or disease and will recommend that help be obtained by and for the student.

Teachers, administrators, and counselors are available to assist you. Mary Swenson and I encourage you to seek help if chemical use is becoming a problem.

Donahue encourages council activity

by John Marti



Hat and Sunglasses Day proved to be the most successful event of Winter Week, which was sponsored by the Student Council.

If a person has been observant this year, he may have noticed that the student council has become a more active and involved organization. What has brought about this change from previous years? If one were to ask a majority of student council members, they would answer new student council advisor Edward Donahue.

Donahue accepted the position of student council advisor hoping to make it an active and viable organization. The changes he has implemented and the direction he has taken has resulted in a more efficient and productive student government.

Yet all of his suggestions and guidance have not sat well with several members of the council. Although a minority, these councilors have ex-

pressed a vocal opinion which states that Donahue has overstepped his authority with the council and is not allowing the council enough self rule. The members expressing these opinions are experienced members of student government who have not experienced the direction that this year's advisor has exerted. As the old saying goes, "It is hard to teach an old dog new tricks."

One noticeable problem with student government at this time is the lack of involvement by every member of the council. An ambitious few dominate meetings and tend to be at the forefront whenever something has to be done. Others, mainly sophomores, are relegated to committees which rarely see any activity or are given any responsibility. A solution to this problem would be to alter the student council constitution so it could involve more council members, but this type of

action would not prove beneficial if the members remain apathetic.

Lack of communication between student council members is also a problem that needs some work. Student council business does not have to be limited to the meeting room, yet this is precisely what happens. Invaluable time is lost in meetings discussing things that could be discussed in committees.

Any difficulties encountered with Donahue are minor compared to the benefits reaped by a more active and efficient student government. As one council member stated, "Sure, there have been problems and complaints, but this year's student council is better than past years." Some councilors believe the problems and complaints can be avoided by improved communication and increased effort from all student representatives.

Is TV becoming commercialized?

by Robert A. James

Have you been finding yourself feeling the urge to tear your brain out and splatter it all over the television set just because a commercial has just insulted your intelligence? If you have, you are probably not alone.

Everyone of us at some time or another has been subjected to a television commercial. They tell us our feet stink, we do not eat right, and our teeth are not as white as they could be. They will tell us anything just to sell a product or service. Some of us eventually crack under pressure and begin to believe what commercials tell us. Are you one of these persons?

To find out if commercials have stolen your brain, take this simple self test. Answer each of the following questions honestly and seriously.

1. Do you have a television set?
2. Do you know how to work a television set?
3. Do you really believe that a product is new and improved when a commercial tells you so?
4. Do you have dreams about the Tidy Bowl man?
5. Do you really wake up in the morning with the worst breath?

6. Does your dog tell you what dog food to buy?
7. Do you and your cat chow-chow together?
8. Do you talk to your toaster in the morning?
9. Are you wearing the wrong bra?



10. Do you believe Lee Harvey Oswald is alive and living in a Russian Commune?

Well, how did you come out? If you answered "yes" to less than five of the questions, you can consider yourself somewhat sane and are in no need of help. If you answered "yes" to more than five, you probably would feel much more secure living inside a toothpaste tube.

Some of you may be saying, "Now

come on, Rob, you're just pulling my leg." Well, you are wrong. This test was developed by Professor Leeland Lambchop, head of the mental research department at USC. "Lee" has spent twelve years doing research in the area of commercials and their effect on the mental health of baby raccoons. Professor Lambchop has found conclusive evidence that commercials are a direct cause of hemorrhoids and their itch. Although this test may seem insane and impractical, it does serve the purpose of evaluating one's commercial mentality.

A new group is being formed for the prevention of brain loss. It is known as Operation IQ. It is a state-run program that provides relief from our overcommercialized society. Membership fees equal \$1 x your IQ. An invisible number is then stamped on your forehead. Then during the course of the membership, if the members should by chance lose their head, it can then be tracked down and returned to the owner. This program is still in its beginning stages, but the outlook is good for a nationwide program.

If, however, you are the type of person who does not like to become involved, there still may be help for you. It is now known that mental health is

just as important as physical health. There are exercises that can be performed in the home to improve your mental health. Each morning as you get up, think about running a couple of miles. This meditation will get the blood flowing to the brain and stimulate thought. Next you should go to the kitchen and think about eating. The thought of food will continue to stimulate the brain and get loose enzymes flowing. Now the tough part. Place one cork in each ear and try to build up enough pressure in your head to blow them out. It is a very difficult exercise but with practice you should be able to blow them out hard enough so that a slight "pop" can be heard.

Scientists have found that these methods are the best way of releasing built up pressure due to commercials. They have also found that they are good prevention for brain tumors. After the corks have been removed, a warm towel dipped in a mixture of mayonaise and mustard should be wrapped around the head. The mayonaise works to strengthen brain cells and mustard makes it smell better. Daily practice should make your brain less vulnerable to memory loss and will also decrease the possibilities of a moth laying eggs in your ear.

people

Tillman rolls with the punches

He did all the baking for 5,000 men baking such things as rolls, pastries, pies, cakes, and cookies.

by Beth Norman

Jim Tillman's name is most often associated with the pastries, rolls, and other delights baked at Tillman's Bakery, which is owned and operated by Tillman. However, Tillman has led an interesting life and has had many experiences besides being a baker.

He was born in Mankato and resided there for two years until the family moved to a farm purchased by Tillman's father. In 1926 Tillman's father deserted the family. Tillman, his mother, and his two sisters were left with little food, clothing, or money. Tillman's mother sold everything they owned at an auction and rented out all their farm land located north of Nicollet. Tillman stated, "We had very tough going."



Tillman believes that if you give people good things to eat the business will advertise itself.

Tillman and his mother spaded up the land on their farm site around the barn and other buildings. There they planted potatoes for food during the winter. Sometimes the family had rice for three meals a day or barley with very little meat. During the summer Tillman and his two younger sisters would venture into the woods at day break to pick gooseberries. They would return late in the afternoon or evening and pick the stems off the gooseberries by candlelight, sometimes until one or two in the morning. Tillman's mother would can the berries for later uses in sauces or pies.

The Tillman family lived on this farm until 1930. He said that life on the farm was "very severe and heartbreaking."

Tillman's mother then purchased a home in Mankato where he attended

school until the fifth grade. Because he was so poor, he often had fights with the other children.

In 1932 twelve-year-old Tillman went to work at the Mankato Bread Company. He made \$12 a day compared to the \$6 that the other men received because he worked harder and longer hours.

When World War II came along, he enlisted in the Navy. Tillman had basic training at Great Lakes where he was put to work in the new bakery shop. He did all the baking for 5,000 men baking such things as rolls, pastries, pies, cakes, and cookies. Tillman was then put on the main base and his job was to teach other men how to bake. The rest of Tillman's Navy career was spent traveling around the United States and in the South Pacific baking for navy personnel. He was discharged from the Navy in December, 1949.

The next year Tillman came to New Ulm looking for a bakery to purchase. He eventually bought the bakery at Minnesota and First South Streets and baked there for 35 years. Three and a

half years ago Tillman also opened a bakery in Mankato which supplies baked goods to various restaurants and cafes in the Mankato area.

He said that life on the farm "was very severe and heartbreaking."

Last October Tillman opened a new bakery across the street from his old one. He designed this bakery himself. Incidentally, designing buildings is Tillman's hobby — one of which he is very proud. Tillman is also proud of his sour cream coffee cake and hard rolls because he created these recipes.

An unusual aspect of Tillman's business is that he engages in no advertising at all. Tillman's philosophy is "if you give people good things to eat, it (the business) will advertise itself."



Winter is interested in seeing how the Germans live and what they are like because of all the local emphasis on German heritage.

Rotary and AFS give girls world conscience

by Lisa Clark

Tammy Winter, presently a senior at NUHS, will be living in Germany from August, 1981 until August, 1982. As a result of becoming involved with the town's Rotary Club exchange program, Winter will spend one year in New Ulm's sister city, Ulm, Germany.

Several months ago the Rotary Club informed the high school of their plans to sponsor a student exchange program with the Rotarians in Ulm. Interested students attended a meeting a few days later. They were given forms to complete their applications. The next step was an interview with three Rotarians. A long week followed before Winter received a letter saying that she had been selected to live in Ulm for a year.

Winter will live with three different families during her stay. She will also attend school for another year. "I'll be a senior again!" she says.

She has attended one orientation meeting in the cities, and during the weekend of February 27-28, she attended a series of meetings in Wisconsin. Participants are briefed on such things as what to take with them and general rules of behavior while living in Germany.

Because the styles are very different in a foreign country, she was told not to take many clothes along. She says she will buy some clothes in Germany so she doesn't "stick out like a sore thumb."

Winter is ready for a change. "I've gone to school here for 12 years. You get into such a routine. But I just wasn't too excited about going off to college right away." She is also interested in seeing how the Germans live and what they are like because there is so much emphasis placed on New Ulm's German heritage.

The trip will be made at some personal expense. She will have to pay for her plane ticket and for her insurance for the year. She will have no room and board expenses because she will be staying in private homes. The Rotary Club of Ulm, Germany, will be giving Tammy a \$40 dollar monthly allowance.

Winter already has an invitation to do some traveling while in Germany. Elke Swahili, an AFS exchange student here this year from Switzerland, has invited her to spend Christmas vacation in 1981 with the Swahili family skiing in the Alps.

She works part-time at the McDonald's in New Ulm and has thought of applying for a job at the

McDonald's in Ulm "to see how much different it would be."

Junior Chris Duetsch will be leaving in the early part of March to live in Thailand. She will spend a year in the town of Surat Thani as an AFS exchange student.

Duetsch attended an organizational meeting for all those interested in participating in the foreign exchange program. They were giving nine different applications forms to fill out. From those applications a number of students were screened by the local AFS chapter and the regional chapter located in Sleepy Eye.

Her first choice was to go to South Africa but when the call came from the New York AFS chapter asking if she wanted to spend a year in Thailand, Duetsch happily accepted.

She has learned that she will be staying with a family on the coast. The father is a trader and does some traveling each month. The mother is a government officer. There are two boys, ages 4 and 12½ years, and two girls, 10½ and 14 years old, in the family. She is anxious to meet her new family. "I've never had a little brother so I'm looking forward to it."

Duetsch will attend a school that requires uniforms. The climate will also be much different from Minnesota. Thailand has a 3-4 month rainy season and the average temperature in Surat Thani is 89 degrees.

Before she leaves, Duetsch is trying to learn the Thai language, which doesn't use the ABC's that we are accustomed to. She has some books left with the Liedmans by Awe, who was an AFS student in New Ulm from Thailand last year. On February 16 while the rest of us were enjoying our day off, Duetsch was in the Twin Cities visiting with Barb Becker, who was in Thailand a few years ago as an exchange student.

By talking with some residents of New Ulm who have been to Thailand, Duetsch has already picked up a number of tips: "bring lots of mosquito spray and deodorant and no nylons!"

She plans to spend a lot of time at the beach and the movies. She has been told that those are the popular forms of entertainment in the country. Duetsch also hopes to travel while in Thailand.

Duetsch will earn credit for the classes she takes in Thailand and will return for the last quarter of her senior year and graduate with her class in 1982.

Mosenden works hard, plays hard



Mosenden enjoys watching sports as well as participating in them.

by Diane Hawkins

This month's BWOC (Big Woman on Campus) is Julie Mosenden. Julie is talented in several sports. Anyone attending a girls' basketball, softball, or volleyball game will be sure to see Mosenden in action. She has lettered in each of these sports during her three years at NUHS and is a member of the high school bowling team as a senior.

Mosenden does well in many sporting activities, but she has also worked

hard. Practices are often every day after school for at least 1½ hours. "I like working out," says Mosenden. "Girls' sports are just starting to become popular, and we have to work hard to be good." However, for Mosenden it is a pleasure.

She does many things in her spare time. Riding her horses, helping with the work on the farm, and enjoying the outdoors are some of her pastimes. She also enjoys being with her friends. Mosenden likes watching all sports as well as participating in them. Some of her weekends include a drive to Rochester for practice on the all state volleyball team, which is made up of the outstanding girls in Minnesota during the 1980-'81 volleyball season. She was chosen for the team because of her abilities and exceptional record in volleyball during her high school career.

Mosenden started getting involved in sports as a "little tike." She was a tomboy of sorts, and played baseball with her cousin and friends. "I have always wanted to be involved in sports," said Julie. Athletics has helped her make new friends, and have a lot of fun. Lorie Mogen, one of Julie's friends, commented, "Julie has what it takes to keep trying, even if the odds appear impossible. That's what makes her a good athlete."

Mosenden enjoys all of her classes, but she says that accounting is probably her best. Her future plans include college with a possible major in business and accounting. She plans to try volleyball and softball in college if there is time, but getting an education is her first priority.

behind the scenes

Piotter helps guidance office program future

by Meg Hudak

This month's "Behind the Scenes" focuses on Scott Piotter.

Many people have a special interest in a certain sport or skill. Piotter's major interest is computers and computer programming. He began developing this interest early last school year when he took computer science classes. Since then, Piotter has regularly been working on different computer programs.

Each morning, hours before most students arrive at school, Piotter is already busy in the computer room. His job in the computer room is to prepare computer programs that describe specific jobs and identify which colleges and schools specialize in background training for these jobs. The programs are then sent to the guidance office where students can use this job information while making their career or vocational plans.

Aside from computers, Piotter enjoys participating in different types of water sports. His favorite water sports are water skiing and swimming. On weekends he enjoys flying with his uncle in his uncle's plane. When he can't fly, Piotter works with model airplanes. Hunting is also a satisfying activity because he likes being in the country where it's not so crowded, and he can do what he likes.



Piotter thinks he'll probably miss the electronic classes and the computers, but he's still looking forward to graduation.

Around this time each year, most seniors start to think of their future. Piotter thinks he'll "probably miss the electronics classes and the computers, but I'm still really looking forward to graduation."

His plans after graduation include the Air Force. He would like to participate in an air force training program that would help him become a commercial airline pilot.

LaFond fills air waves with energy

"I have no philosophy on where music is going, but it's coming from everywhere. The 80's are a blank to be filled in with music and I'm anxious to hear it."

by Ann Forst

A radio announcer is someone we probably listen to everyday. Even though we may know the announcer's name, we are forced to identify with the person we are hearing simply by the sound and tone of his voice. We seldom see nor get to know him.

Sue LaFond is a radio announcer for KEEZ FM in Mankato. You've probably listened to her at one time or another, but have you ever wondered what she looks like or who she really is?

When you walk into LaFond's office, the first thing that catches your eye is the newly released albums stacked in a large case. The next thing you notice are the posters of Melissa Manchester, the Beatles, and Bob Dylan pasted on the walls.

LaFond is an energetic and easy going person. Sitting Indian fashion on her chair as she rummaged through her mail, she began talking about all the "junk mail" the station receives. Being music director for KEEZ, LaFond is on the "receiving end" of the record business. Company representatives regularly send her records for review.

LaFond didn't start in music. Initially she had her sights set on a nursing career. She grew up in Saint Paul and



LaFond likes broadcasting in the morning because "... people are up and moving and want energy."

came to Mankato to enroll in the state university. In high school LaFond was involved in some communication activities and began taking more communication courses, such as speech and theatre, in college. She graduated from college with a major in public relations and three years of radio experience on the campus station, KMSU.

When KEEZ was established a little over three years ago, LaFond began working on a part-time basis. Soon she

was offered a full-time position, but she "wasn't sure" that was what she wanted. The first time LaFond went on the air for KEEZ she felt very nervous. "But when I sat down, I felt relaxed and comfortable. The manager was really nice and helpful with the equipment."

When asked about the frightening thought of how many thousands of people may be listening to her when she is on the air, LaFond said, "I like to

think I'm sitting in someone's living room and talking to one person and not speaking to masses of people. Talking on a one-to-one basis is much more personal."

LaFond works mainly during the weekdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Her eyes brightened as she commented, "In the morning people are up and moving, they're going, and want energy." She continued, "Everyone has their up and down days, but you try not to let your mood affect what you're doing."

LaFond spoke of her feelings and opinions concerning radio. "In the old days of radio, listeners had to think and create images in their minds. Today with television everything is right in front of you. I'd rather listen to radio because the sky is the limit, and there are so many things you can do with radio." She would never consider television broadcasting, maybe "producing or writing or directing, but not in front of the camera."

Several areas of music are included in LaFond's interests. She collects old 45's and their covers which often include pictures. She is also interested in photography and worked in a photo lab while in college. "I'm not really into crafts," she commented. Cross country skiing and racketball are the sports LaFond enjoys.

About today's music she said, "I have no philosophy on where music is going, but it's coming from everywhere. The 80's are a blank to be filled in with music and I'm anxious to hear it."

Girls figure in boys' sports

by Amy McClellan

The statisticians for boys' winter sports at NUHS have primarily been boys, but this year girls are statisticians for all of the winter sports. The statisticians believe that they have the confidence of the boys, and the fact that they are girls doesn't affect their capability.

The hockey statisticians, Patty Wyczawski and Julie Lindemann, say they have learned more about that sport. Lindemann said, "I've learned a lot about penalties, icing, and offsides." Coach Tom Macho taught the statisticians how to record shots on goal, saves, assists, and goals. Wyczawski and Lindemann have noticed that most

of the opposing teams have also had girl statisticians. Both regret that this is their last year to take statistics, but as Wyczawski said, "We've had some good times, and we're glad we did it because they're a great bunch of guys."

Sue Alwin and Denise Schultz will also miss their jobs. These girls have taken statistics for boys' basketball for three years. This year Steve Domine, John Keyes, and Lance Vath are assisting them. Alwin commented, "The players respect us just as much as they respect the guys." Alwin and Schultz like being statisticians because they learn more about both the players and the game. Part of the job includes



Julie Lindemann (left) and Patty Wyczawski (right) have learned more about hockey since they've been charting every game.



Sue Alwin (left) and Denise Schultz (right) feel they are respected just as much as the male statisticians.

charting, and the girls will never forget announcing statistics on KNUJ. Alwin and Schultz say they will never forget all of the enjoyment working at games has given them.

Michelle Deopere, Wendy Nelson, Cindy Anderson, and Laurie Johnson are avid wrestling fans and have done their bit as statisticians to support the team. The wrestling statisticians must record take downs, reversals, near falls, penalty points, escapes, and pins. They record their information and

transfer them onto computer cards. The statisticians have found that the wrestlers like to tease, but they still have the team's respect. Nelson likes being a wrestling statistician because "you really get to know the guys and see the work and effort they put out for their sport."

All of these statisticians believe that their job in boys' sports has been worthwhile and rewarding. They hate to see the winter sports season come to a close.

Hostess takes hostages in senior high

by Dave Filzen

In a recent study of the student population at NUHS, it was determined that all of the students have two things in common. The first common characteristic among NUHS students is that they all go to the same institution of higher learning. The second common characteristic shared by all NUHS students is that they have the incurable illness known as Junk Food Addiction.

Most "junkies" get started on their habit when they visit their grandmother who stuffs candy bar after candy bar into "Little Cutie Pie's" hands. After that first candy bar, total addiction to junk food sets in. Whenever the little "junkie" sees candy in a store, he suffers withdrawal pains and throws a temper tantrum in front of his parents until he gets his junk food.

When he is put on an allowance, he satisfies his habit by rushing to the nearest vending machine or junk food store. At this point he is just a mild user. However, when he reaches Junior High, he becomes a hardcore junk food addict. He starts chewing gum throughout the school day. However, he reaches the point where he has to have a higher junk food intake so he starts making daily trips down to either

Red Owl or Snyders before and after school. It is also in Junior High when the "junkie" begins to consume large amounts of taco and potato chips.

When the junk food "junkie" reaches the Senior High, he has become a hardcore consumer. During school he is allowed to supply his habit three times a day by rushing to the Paper Mache before school, during lunch, and after school. If the hardcore is having withdrawal pains during a time when the Paper Mache is not open, he will usually beg the nearest senior to supply him from the "Junk Food Heaven," The Senior Lounge as it is called by some people.

When the "junkie" becomes a senior, it is almost as good as owning his junk food store. Whenever a senior gets junk food withdrawal, which is close to every fifty minutes, all he needs to do is run down to "The Junk Food Heaven" and deposit his coins in one of five machines and push a button. Becoming a senior with access to "The Junk Food Heaven" is known as a hardcore junk food junkie. However, the junkie must avoid his worst enemy, some nutritionist who has tried to contaminate "The Junk



Potato chips and Snickers are just a couple of the many courses served up in the Senior Lounge.

Food Heaven" with a fruit-juice machine. However, "junkies" need not worry for evil always conquers good when evil outnumbers good 312 to 1.

The life of a "junkie" is not an easy one because even though supplying one's habit is quite enjoyable, occasionally one tends to overdose. The short-term result of overdosing is a bad

case of the "zits." The long-range effect of an overdose is a few extra pounds the next time one steps on the scale. However, most "junkies" manage to quit before they reach the "breaking-out" point. Those who do not learn to quit feel that the terminal acne and a little extra weight is a small price to pay for the enjoyment of stuffing one's face.

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Senske moonlights with Wildcats

Time out with Tyler



"I still have an interest in basketball, and after 17 years in coaching I missed it."

by Todd Tyler

Once a coach, always a coach. The phrase doesn't say much, but the meaning expressed is true. The expression goes with coach Jim Senske like bread goes with butter.

Seven years ago Senske resigned as head coach of the New Ulm High School basketball squad. Although he had ended a long period of coaching basketball, he still was head baseball coach, and his son Eric was playing on the basketball team so he still attended the games regularly. "But still," he said, "there was something missing during the Tuesdays and Fridays of the winter season."

When Gibbon lost their head basketball coach, some school officials approached Senske about taking the job. They kept after him until he accepted the job for the 1980-81 season. When asked why he took the job, he said, "I still have an interest in basketball, and after 17 years in coaching I missed it!"

"The game is won or lost in preparation for it and not during it."

If you have attended any of Gibbon's games this year, you have noticed a much more mellow Senske on the bench. During the years that he coached New Ulm, he always had a way of expressing himself during the

game, but this year he has changed his approach. Although he admits to losing some of the intensity, he attributes his attitude to maturity. "The game is won or lost in preparation for it and not during it."

Gibbon fans have given a lot of support to the team and Senske this year. Since Gibbon is a Class A school and New Ulm is a AA school, there are many differences in the two coaching positions. In Gibbon, basketball is "the" game, and for each game the gym is packed. The players play with enthusiasm, but they also play with a certain closeness-an association. Senske noted that coaching wasn't like that when he coached at New Ulm.

Physically, the Gibbon team is small, both in numbers and height. It's hard to have a good bench plus a good starting five in a small school because there just aren't enough good players. Gibbon seems to have some good players, however, because when this issue was printed, their season record was 12-2, and the team was in second place in the conference.



Jim Senske

The problem most people would think bothersome is the drive to Gibbon and back each day for practice. But Senske isn't most people. The drive helps him prepare for practice or think about upcoming games.

All in all, Senske has found coaching at Gibbon an enjoyable experience. The success story is not found in just the won-loss column but also in talking to Senske about his team and their season.

Girl cagers' scores close

by Eric Wilner

Although the New Ulm Girls' Basketball Team's conference record is three wins and nine losses, it could very well be better than that.

In two of their recent games, New Ulm lost to Blue Earth 48-43 and to Fairmont 44-41.

In the Blue Earth game, the Eagles scored just seven points in the first quarter and had trouble breaking Blue Earth's press, but the Eagles were down by five points with 1:30 left in the game. They then missed a few shots and the game was out of reach. Cindy Herzog was the high scorer for the Eagles with 14 points while Kris Traurig added 12 points and Mary Moriarty added 9.

In the Fairmont game the score was 38-38 at the end of regulation time, but the Eagles were outscored 6-3 in overtime. The final score was 44-41. The real problem in this game was the turnovers. New Ulm had 34 turnovers compared to 17 for Fairmont. Julie Mosenden led all Eagle scorers with 11 points while Traurig added 9 points for the Eagles.

The Eagles also lost a close non-conference game to Mankato West 48-44. Moriarty scored 21 points and had nine rebounds in this game. According to Coach Lyle Sparrowgrove, this was Moriarty's finest performance of the year.

The most consistent scorers for the Eagles have been Moriarty, Mosenden, Herzog, Traurig, Karen Spoon, and Kristy Paulson.

Girls' programs no longer laughing matter

by Mike Donnelly

Until the 1980-81 school year, girls' sports at NUHS had been sort of a joke among the student body, particularly the male sector. A simulated conversation between two 1975 senior high students looking for something to do follows:

John: What do you want to do tonight?

Scott: Well, I don't know. There is a girls' basketball game tonight.

John: Like I said, what do you want to do tonight?

Notice, however, that in the first line of this article the word "had" was used. The NUHS girls' sports program has become respectable, especially this year. In the fall the girls' volleyball team tied for the SCC championship while the girls' cross country team finished a strong second in the conference meet. This winter both the girls' basketball and girls' gymnastics teams have shown improvement over last year's performances.

The attitude of the fans has also improved. The winning teams have generated excitement among the student body and gained increased fan support.

Reasons for the competitive teams are numerous, but two of the main factors have been the coaching and the

girls themselves. Sound coaching is always the basis of a good team. Athletic Director Clif Anderson said, "We've always had decent coaching on the varsity level, but now we're getting more quality coaching at the B-squad, C-squad, and junior high levels. Also, as the girls' abilities increased, the coaches are able to switch from teaching basic skills to actual techniques."

The athletes are obviously a big part of the turnaround also. "The improvement is due to the fact that the girls are coming through the program," said Lyle Sparrowgrove, the coach for girls' volleyball and basketball. "Our basics are now sound, we've been working hard, and the girls have been going to camps so they're serious and dedicated."

The girls are excited about their recent progress, too. "The talent has always been there, but now we're starting to get our act together," said junior Kristy Paulson, a volleyball and basketball player. "Winning is a lot more fun than losing."

If things go as Athletic Director Anderson predicts, girls' sports will continue to prosper at NUHS. He suggests students get into girls' sports if they don't want to become part of the minority.



Sophomore defenseman Craig Wilfahrt 9 is fighting for control of the puck behind New Ulm's goal.

Warm winter weather ends hockey hopes

by Gwen Breu

The hockey season has once again come to an end. But this year marks the end of New Ulm playing their home games at St. Peter. It also brings an end to the high school hockey careers of Dave Shavlik, Mark Thompson, Mike Melhop, Jim Ubl, and Ron Schrader. They are five seniors who have made their final appearances in New Ulm uniforms.

In their last year of high school, senior athletes hope that their team will make a good showing. Shavlik commented, "After seeing the way we played our first game against Austin the season didn't look too bright, but after that game I thought we played well and that we could be a factor in the race for the conference championship. Then the temperature hit 68 degrees and that was the end of that."

The seniors expressed many feelings about not playing any more high school hockey. Most of them regretted

that they would not be here next year to play in the new arena. As one senior put it, "I've been playing hockey for ten years and I wish that I had ten years left to play in the arena. The day after we have a hockey game and we come to school the kids will ask, 'Did the hockey team lose again?' What can you do if you don't have ice to practice on, and when you have ice it doesn't come close to the artificial ice we play on. People don't realize that." The seniors also expressed the feeling that they would miss the excitement and thrills that the game generates.

When you think about all the obstacles that the New Ulm hockey team had to overcome, they have done well to keep the program moving forward. The seniors feel that future New Ulm hockey teams will be serious contenders for conference honors. Because of the new arena, the sophomores and juniors look ahead to next year while the seniors look back and wonder what might have been.

Rebuilding team loses balance



Team member Debbie Palmer works on her floor exercise routine during practice.

by Laura Isaacson

You've seen it all before. The young and rebuilding team doesn't do well until its program has existed for several years. This story, however, has not been true of the girls' gymnastics team.

In mid-February the team was rated second in the South Central Conference. The team reached a score of 116 points in two of their meets. This score is comparative to scores attained by teams in the metropolitan area. Assistant Coach Jill Curry is very pleased with the young team's achievements. She feels they will do even better in the future.

At one of the team's meets with Fairmont, three of the team members placed in the top three. Cathy Kretsch, an eighth grader, placed the highest. She placed second in three of the five events, floor exercise, the uneven parallel bars, and in all around. The other two members who placed were Kelly Kneefe and Sue Ann Davis, both sophomores. Kneefe placed third in the floor exercise and Davis placed third on the uneven parallel bars.

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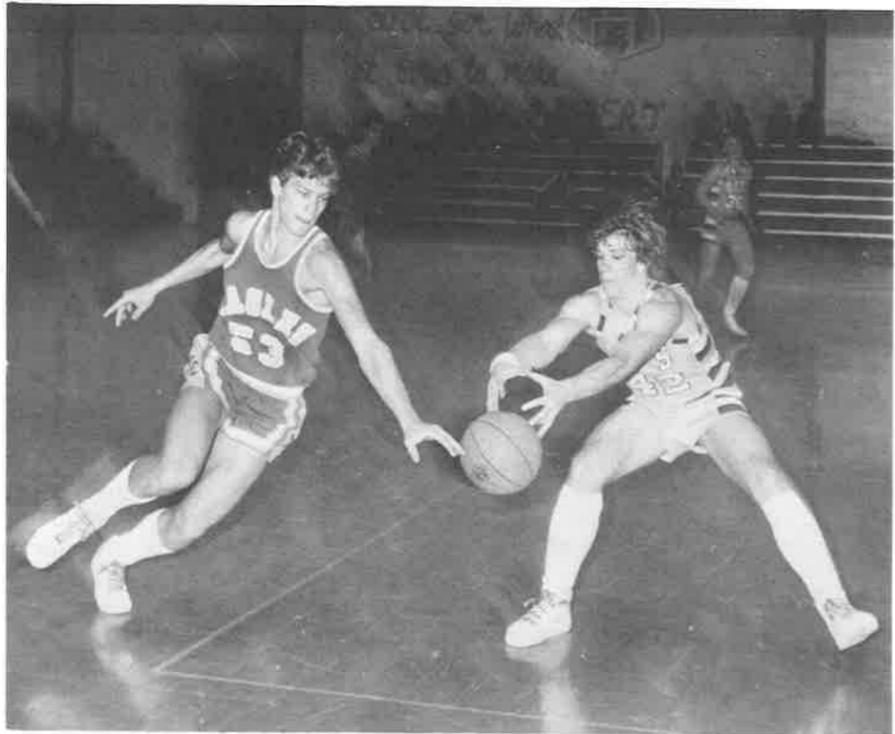
Because the competitors in the balance beam had too many falls, no one placed in that event. The girls were determined to beat Fairmont, but the falls on the balance beam event hurt their efforts. The Eagles did, however, beat Fairmont on the uneven parallel bars.

The Sub-Regions were held on February 21. New Ulm placed third behind Mankato West and Fairmont and therefore did not qualify for the regional meet.

Individual placings at the Sub-Regionals went well. Cathy Kretsch again did well. She placed fifth in vaulting, all around, and the uneven parallel bars. Kelly Kneefe placed sixth in the floor exercise. Sue Ann Davis placed seventh on the uneven parallel bars and in the floor exercise. Only the top four places go on to the regional so, once again, New Ulm missed out.

Curry stated there were a lot of falls on the balance beam. Had the balance beam competitors done better, the team might have made the regional.

Because they are a young team, the girls can look forward to an even better season next year.



Steve Baum 53 reaches for a loose ball during the Eagles' big win over Blue Earth.

Eagles shot down by Cardinals

by Mary Moriarty

The Eagles' second loss to Fairmont in as many games deflated the cagers hopes of winning their first South Central Conference championship under Dave Hartmann's direction. The team still has an excellent shot at taking second in loop competition and heading into the sub-region tournament on the upswing.

New Ulm entertained high hopes as the league leading Cardinals visited the Eagles' home court, but Fairmont prevailed by six points and virtually clinched the title. Senior guard Jeff Stoll felt that the team played well enough to win if a few breaks had gone their way. Hartmann agreed, adding that it was one of the best games the team has played all year even though the end result was disappointing.

Until the Fairmont contest the cagers had been experiencing what Gold Country enthusiasts might call "Gopheritis" or simply a season filled with inconsistency. Speaking of his

own performance, Stoll seemed to feel that he has played well in every other game. Hartmann elaborated, saying that for some reason or another he can't get everyone playing well at the same time. "We've had players doing well at the beginning of the year and others who have just begun to play well now so our goal at this point is to have everyone peaking at tournament time."

As things stand now, second place in SCC competition is within reach if the Eagles can overpower Wells-Easton and Waseca in upcoming conference games. The cagers will then head down to Worthington for Sub-regions where they will, in all probability, get a rematch with Marshall, a team which handled the Eagles easily at the outset of the season. Fairmont is also a member of Region 2AA so the Eagles will have to be at their best to reach their goal which, according to Stoll, "is to play at Mankato State," the site of the Regional tournament this year.

Wrestling meets carry more weight

by Don Eliason

Wrestling, until the past few years, was one of those overlooked, so called minor sports comparable to golf or tennis. However, things are changing. Wrestling is no longer taking a back seat to basketball, the big sport of the winter season.

Senior captains Jerry Sandmann and Loren Guggisberg have been wrestling for a combined 15 years. Sandmann went out for wrestling when he was in the 4th grade. Guggisberg took up the sport in 5th grade. Ever since then the two have been on the mats every winter. "It was my brother who got me into wrestling; he was a varsity wrestler," stated Sandmann. Guggisberg took up wrestling because he disliked flag football and was looking for something to do during the winter months.

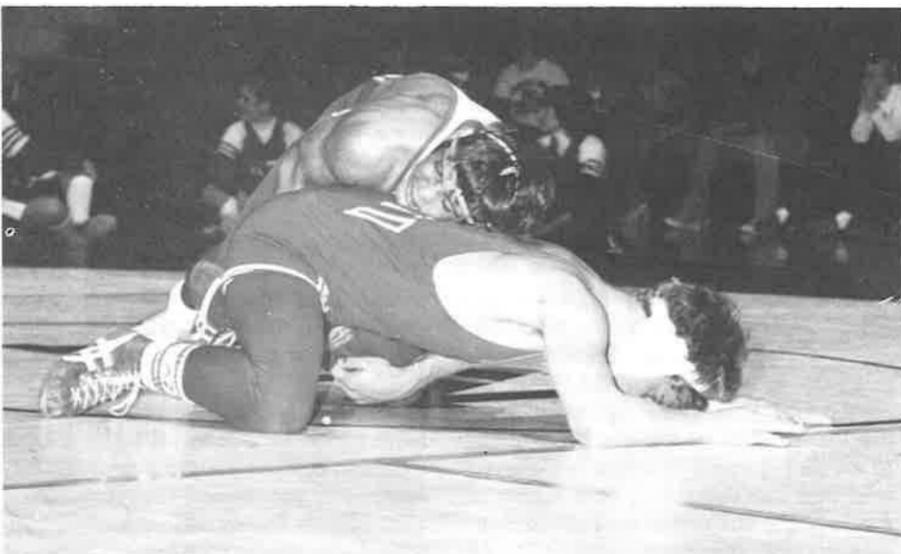
The physical contact is the most pleasurable aspect of wrestling to Guggisberg. "I love physical contact, call it violence or whatever, but I love it." Sandmann enjoys the intense competi-

tion that wrestling offers. It is the main reason why he's wrestling.

Although both Sandmann and Guggisberg definitely enjoy wrestling, they admit however, that there are a few problems connected with the sport. According to the two, the problem of making weight is always present. Sandmann said he doesn't have much trouble staying at 185, the weight at which he wrestles, however, making weight is often a problem for Guggisberg. "Lots of times I can't eat things I want to, or as much as I want to," stated Guggisberg.

Sandmann has been wrestling varsity for two years. He credits his success to hard work and dedication. Guggisberg wrestled varsity part of last year and all of this season. He credits his success to hard work and coach Rich Peterson.

Both seniors believe wrestling is a challenging sport. It's definitely not for everyone said Sandmann. "Dedication is what it's all about. To be a good wrestler, you've got to be dedicated."



Senior captains Loren Guggisburg (shown above) and Jerry Sandmann credit their success to hard work and dedication.