

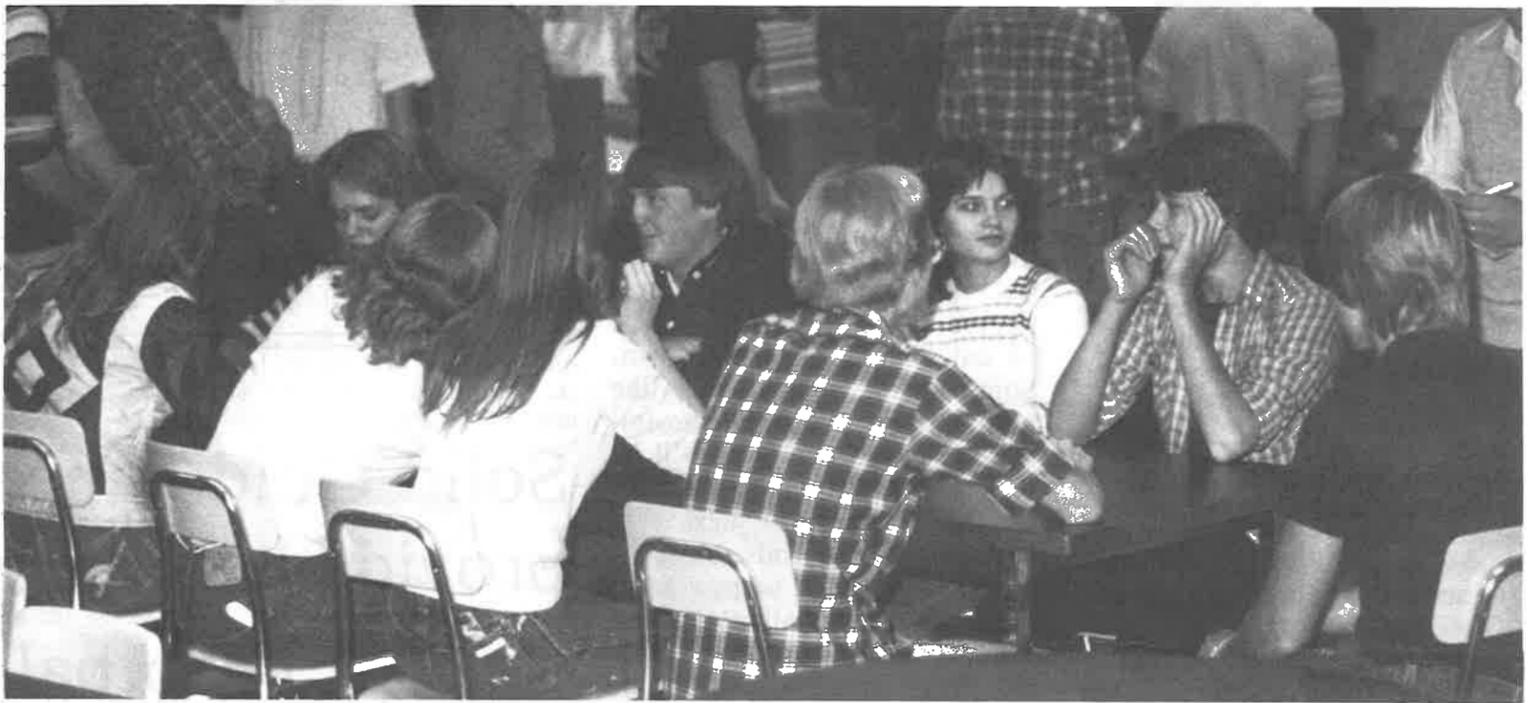
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Noon hour confinement fits students' and teachers' schedules better than staying after school.

## Skippers get reserved seats

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Rat patroller Pete Neigebauer takes attendance at the "naughty table" during lunch.

by Scott Fenske  
Graphos Reporter

It's already the end of October, and the wear and tear of school is getting to us all. We go to our classes in the morning and then we go to lunch. But wait! How come there are a group of students right in front of the lunch line just sitting on a table and not eating? Aren't those people hungry? Is there something wrong with the food? Are they having their slaves bring them their food? No, they're assigned to the "naughty table."

The "naughty table" was set up as an alternate form of punishment besides detention, which most schools use to discipline students who have broken some rules or regulations.

The most common person at the naughty table has been caught for skipping class. If you go home to catch up on "All My Children," take a trip to your State Park, or head out to McDonalds for a delightful dinner, the odds are you will have to sit at the naughty table. The rule set by the principals says that a person must sit at "the table" three days for every hour of an unexcused absence.

There are also other ways you can get put at the naughty table. Suppose you are a little too loud in the hall and Becky Erickson, who happens to be on

rat patrol, tells you to see Mr. Donahue instead of sending her snake after you. Donahue might order you to sit at the table for a few days. Any unruly act can get you a few days at the table.

Some students find getting to class on time difficult. Between classes is the time to find out the newest gossip or how hard LaPatka's test is. Well, school policy says that any person who is tardy for class three times will be sent to the office. More than likely this trip means that you will have to sit at the naughty table.

A student who sits at the naughty table has to come to the cafeteria promptly so the person on rat patrol in the lunchroom can take attendance while everyone is in line. When all the students have gone through the lunch line, the people at the table may eat. They must eat at the table and wait until the lunch period is over before they may go back to class.

Most students feel that having noon hour confinement on the lunch table is much better than other forms of detention used by some schools. Both the students' and the teachers' schedules are better suited to have noon hour confinement than to have the student stay after school, and punishment for misbehavior is still attained.

# editorial

## Let's make this our best year as friends



"Wouldn't it be great for all to do and be what they want without having to worry about being rejected."

by Pam Weicherding  
Graphos Editor

Most of us seniors have gone to school together for 12 years. One would think that having been together for this long, we would all know something about one another. But how many of us truly do? How many of us have made the effort to really get to know those outside of our group.

Most of us went skipping off to first grade with our best friend, companions at everything we did. Then we planned our junior high days together; we thought we'd always be there for each other. As the high school years approached, our attitudes began to change, and we started pursuing different interests.

In every class, there are students who seem to drift toward each other and draw an imaginary circle that marks them in and everyone else out. They don't seem to notice the hurt or resentful looks cast their way by those on the outside.

People are most at ease with those they know, people like themselves. Yet all of us see differences that make us uneasy. It is important to be "one of the crowd" so we won't be singled out as different. Some will wear their hair a unique way or dress in order to be accepted. One student commented, "If I were happy with the way I looked, I wouldn't change for anyone. Other people don't change to be like me; why should I change to be like them."

The world would be pretty boring if we were all alike. Most people will agree that they look the way they want to look — not the way others want them to look. However, it is important to be accepted. People follow the leader and try to imitate those who are most popular thinking they will be popular too.

Of course, there are those who want to be included but are terrified of rejection. And when those they admire walk away, they hear a thousand imaginary doors slamming in their face. Others become envious and try to cut the "in-crowd" down. Some spend what seems like hours standing outside the imaginary circle hoping they'll be included. It may never happen, but most return the next year with new, true friends. More attention was given to new faces who were there all along but were never noticed. Wouldn't it be great for all to do and be what they want without having to worry about being rejected.

**"In every class, there are students who seem to drift toward each other and draw an imaginary circle that marks them in and everyone else out."**

Eventually everyone finds out that real friends accept them for what they are. They needn't act like someone else. Most people are pretty much the same; they just express themselves differently. In some ways we're like everyone else; in other ways we're like nobody else. A personal goal should be to be our best self. Let's all put forth a special effort to make this year our best year.

## the graphos

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## Solid Gold dancers provide better action than pro football



by John Schuetzle  
Graphos Columnist

As I lay in my living room wasting away another Sunday without pro football, a sudden flash of pearly white appeared across the TV screen. For more than a moment I thought Jimmy Carter was back in office, but as the glare settled off the set, I realized that it was merely Marilyn McCoo hosting another hour of this week's best (?) (or worst) music on — you guessed it — "Solid Gold." I was about ready to lose my lunch on the spot, but let's face it, without pro football, "Solid Gold" is about the best you can do for Sunday TV entertainment. Next to All-Star Wrestling, that is. Hulkamania's runnin' wild! Look out Weasel! Anyway, I decided to watch it.

The first thing that struck me about the show was how could the producers pick two more inept hosts than Marilyn "Teeth" McCoo and Rex Smith. If you find yourself asking who is Rex Smith, you're probably in the majori-

ty. Rex's only hit was "You Take My Breath Away," and after watching him perform on "Solid Gold," I wish someone would take his breath — permanently.

What exactly does a "Solid Gold" host do, you ask? Besides acting cute, wearing tight clothes, and shaking various body extremities, not a heck of a lot. For one's trouble, each host is allowed to ruin a top 10 song by singing it on national TV. If we're lucky, they'll sing a duet, but more often than not, they each get to ruin a song. Have you ever noticed how the songs that the hosts do usually lose their popularity in a hurry?

Another segment of the show is designed to bring back an old favorite. This portion I have renamed "Solid Mold" because some of the groups they bring back are so old that even Ronald Reagan doesn't remember them. The idea is to bring back an aging, downtrodden group and give them one more shot at glory. (i.e., The Four-tops, The Spinners and Gladys Knight.) Frankly, I don't see why they do it. It must be embarrassing when they have to get pushed out in a wheelchair.

Also, let's not forget the Solid Gold Dancers. These six dancers, four beauties and two studs, wearing everything but concealing nothing, get paid for dancing, prancing, falling, mauling, moping and groping about the stage in beat to the week's top 10 tunes. Their "interesting" interpretations to the music make the show almost worth watching.

Having now successfully achieved watching a full hour of "Solid Gold," I have only one thing more to say. **SOMEBODY, BRING BACK FOOTBALL!**

# Get a piece of the rock



by Jennifer Peterson  
Graphos columnist

Throughout the course of a lifetime we move through different periods of our lives. As we proceed through the different phases, we are left with only memories of what our lives once were. For many of us our high school years will always be considered among our most treasured memories. Without realizing it the students of NUHS have devised their very own method of recording the so called "best years of our lives."

This recorder of history is located in a site where many students pass by daily. It contains within its layers the history of NUHS but reveals only the most recent of information. Made of an indestructible material, it has prevailed through all the seasons yet never shows any signs of wear. It has been creatively decorated with every imaginable color at one time or another. Although publishing is run on an unpredictable schedule, it can expose new information and claim the old to its layers of history within minutes.

Besides being a recorder of history, it has also replaced the old oak tree. At one time years ago when moms and dads were courting, they would engrave their initials into the old oak tree. Today NUHS students simply have their initials printed on the outer layer of the recorder. This printing has a number of advantages over the old oak tree. First of all, the recorder is

located in a spot where everyone can clearly see who is going with who. The second advantage is that should the couple that was once "in love" break up, their initials can quickly be removed by simply adding them to the hidden layers of history where their memory will be retained forever.

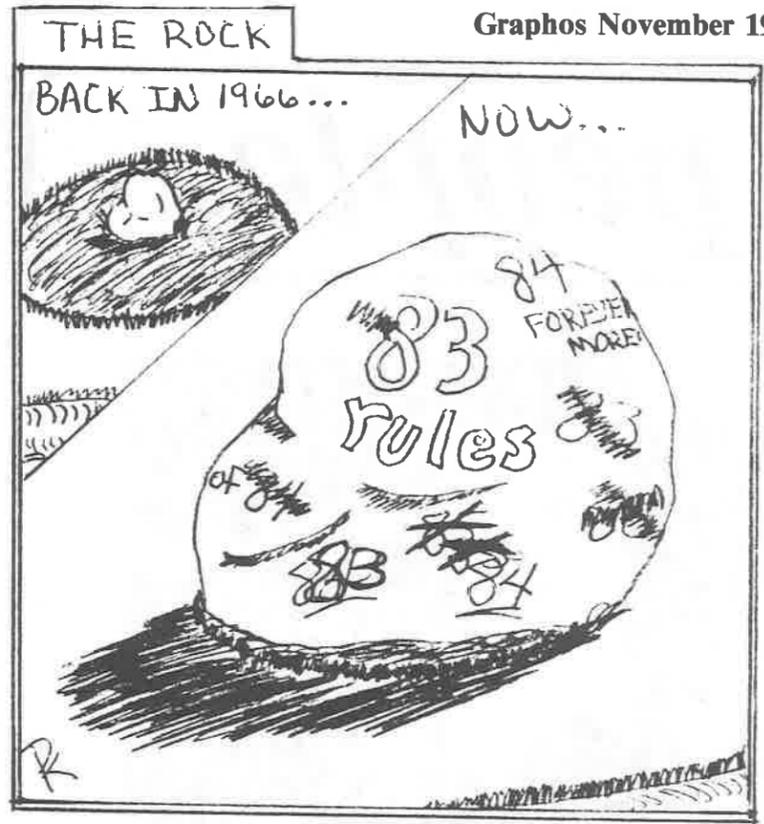
For those of you who are still wondering what I've been describing, let me leave you in the dark no longer. The memories and history of New Ulm High School is held within the layers of "The Rock."

The rock was originally discovered during the destruction of the old Dakota Hotel. T.R. Olson was the person responsible for having the rock moved to its present location. The rock remained unpainted until the spring of 1977 when a number of senior girls including Beth Schuetzle, Terry Risius, and Beth Dosland painted it before their senior breakfast. The tradition of painting the rock has continued ever since.

The fall of 1980 marked a number of events in the history of the rock. The first event took place when someone attempted to set the rock on fire. Gasoline was poured over the rock, and it was lit in hopes that the paint would burn. Because I was not one of the persons involved in the scheme, I can only tell you what I observed the next day. The rock appeared to have withstood its burns fairly well, suffering only a blackish appearance for a few days. It was soon repainted and looked as good as new.

The second event involved someone's attempt to bring the rock some companions. During the night someone unloaded two smaller sized rocks. The two smaller sized rocks were painted only a few times because they disappeared soon after their arrival.

Now that you know the history and meaning behind the rock, I hope all you rock painters find great satisfaction in knowing that some of your memories will be permanently engraved in layers of history. For those of you who have not yet added your layer to the rock, I urge you to paint your mark in history.



## Rat psychology Fan participation needed

by Brett Olson  
Graphos Reporter

**DANGER: The Surgeon General has determined that lack of fan participation may be hazardous to a student's health.**

All across America millions of students are suffering from a severe form of anxiety brought on by their inactive fan participation. Many studies have been done on this problem. One of these studies was completed at NUHS.

In the New Ulm studies one group of rats was exposed to intense viewing of our high school choir concerts, football, hockey, and volleyball games. This group became lively, exuberant, and vivacious. These rats were observed to get uncontrollably excited when informed they were leaving for another high school event. The rats became thrilled at the idea of being able to sit with their peers at the games and cheer their teams. There was even one eyewitness account of a rat singing the school song after a touchdown.

The other group of rats in the test were forced to study American Literature, biology, and geometry. These rats became nervous and jittery. Headaches were reported. Lack of concentration resulted.

These tests inconclusively prove that fan participation can be an asset to a rat's state of mind while lack of it maybe detrimental. Since the characteristics between rats and students at NUHS are similar, it can be safely assumed that lack of fan participation is a health hazard.

Now that you know about these latest findings, let's find out if you suffer from "lack of fan participation." These few questions should provide the information you need.

1. At the last tennis meet you attended were the participants wearing long dresses?

2. At the last band concert you attended were various wind instruments constructed of whale bones?

3. True or False. The participants in a cross country meet wear skis.

If you answered yes to questions one or two or true to number three you

have a large deficiency of fan participation. Don't be alarmed if you failed this quiz because I have devised the Olsen Crash Therapy Plan for Participation Deficiency. The secret to my plan is to participate in a week crammed full of events in order to compensate for the deficiency.

I looked at the calendar of events in the principal's office. The week I chose was that of December 12-18. If you go to every one of these events, you'll become a dedicated fan for the rest of your life.

**Monday, Dec. 13**

**Sr. High vocal concert at the Jr. High**

This is the cultural part of your week. Here you will get to hear Nita sing that "Operator Information" song one more time.

**Tuesday, Dec. 14**

**Girls Gymnastics meet.**

Just seeing them parade around in those outfits is enough to make a dedicated fan out of anyone.

**Tuesday, Dec. 14**

**Girls BB home against Gaylord**

**Wrestling at Mankato East**

**Hockey at Mankato**

If you are a really dedicated fan, you will go to all of these events and hope it snows heavily all evening.

**Wednesday, Dec. 15**

**Jefferson Elementary Vocal Concert**

Watching the little chaps is a blast. Take a friend.

**Thursday, Dec. 16**

**Lafayette and Fifth Grade concerts**

**Wrestling at St. Peter**

By now you are humming Christmas carols in your sleep. Go to the wrestling meet instead.

**Friday, Dec. 17**

**last day of school**

**Boys BB against Blue Earth Home**

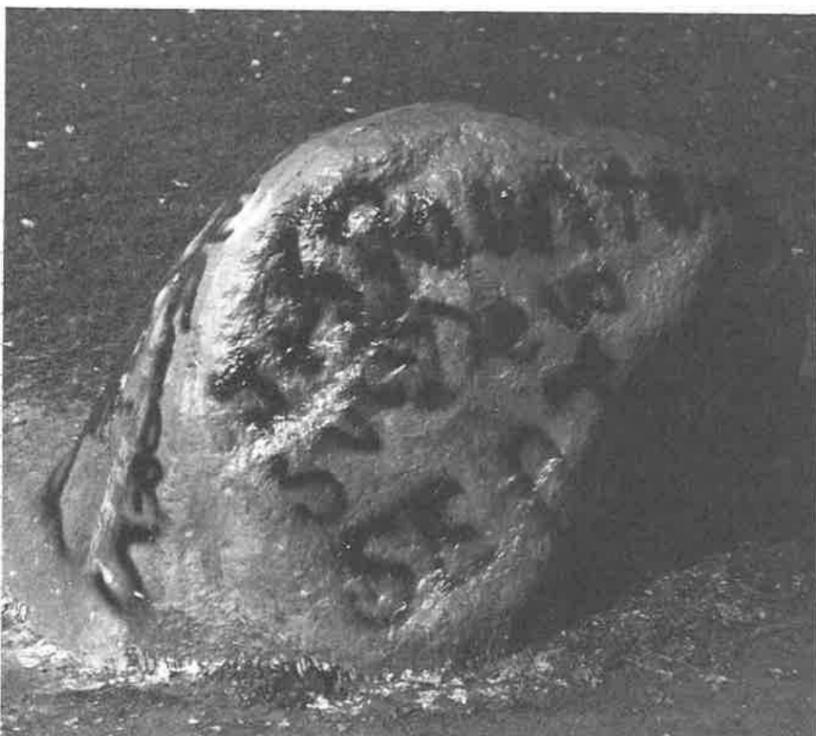
**Girls BB against Blue Earth Away**

Go to either one. The hardcore always goes to the away games.

**Saturday, Dec. 18**

**3M Christmas party at the Jr. High.**

After this week you deserve some relaxation.



The rock contains many NUHS memories.

# people



Mark Firle, owner of Firle Funeral Home, looks at his occupation as "not a job but a way of life."

## Firle's future is not dead

by Suzanne Clark  
Graphos Reporter

Mark Firle, who moved to New Ulm three and a half years ago, proves to be an outstanding citizen in the community. Firle is involved in many community activities: Chamber of Commerce, Government of Affairs, Willkommen Club; Sertoma Club; Board of Directors Referral Information Service; Hanska Business Association plus many more. When Firle isn't attending meetings, he can be found in various other places that indicate his athletic interests such as golf courses, basketball courts, softball fields, and bowling alleys.

Firle and his wife Pam own and operate Firle Funeral Home. He looks at his occupation as "not a job but a way of life." It takes a special kind of person to be a funeral director, and Firle seems to suit his work to a "T." "Funeral service is a time when we can help people who can't help themselves." Genuine care is a quality that shines in the Firls.

As a youngster he had odd jobs in the neighborhood helping the elderly with yard work. Firle enjoyed this experience because "it was always satisfying helping people. They're so appreciative."

One reason for Firle going into the funeral service is the personal reward of being appreciated. "We've been thanked in many ways, we've been tipped, hugged, squeezed, kissed, embraced. These are all more than satisfactory rewards."

Firle grew up in Sleepy Eye and went to high school there. From Sleepy Eye

Firle moved to Minneapolis to attend the University of Minnesota. In three years Firle graduated with a bachelor's degree in Medical Science and a major in Mortuary Science. After college Firle spent one year as an apprentice under the Werness Brothers in South Minneapolis. The next seven years were spent as a licensed funeral director. At this time there was an average of 1,000 funerals per year. This time produced a great deal of experience in the preparation and direction of funerals. Approximately one and a half years ago the Firls opened another funeral home in Lafayette. Firle says about the Lafayette funeral home, "People appreciate their own funeral home nearby. They can have all services done right in the community instead of traveling to a larger town."

The many rewards of his business overcome any disadvantages that occur. One problem is that the Firls are on call 24 hours a day. They live in the upper portion of the funeral home making it convenient for all parties involved in a death situation. With just the two of them running the funeral home, Firls feels that their service is more personal than in an employee run home. About every six months the Firls take a one week vacation. Oftentimes the week is not relaxing because they check in every two days in order to be available.

Firle enjoys his profession a great deal. "I wouldn't want to do anything else. It's nice to be making a living and doing something worthwhile at the same time."



Sheri Wills, in charge of the Teen Board, and Lisa Leslie, Blythe Stillwell, and Nancy Wills are a few of Herberger's Teen Board.

## Fashion involves teens in community

by Kelly Gruenhagen  
Graphos Reporter

Herberger's Teen Board consists of two boys and ten girls, two of which were chosen as alternates. The people on the 1982-83 Teen Board are Megan Carthey, Paulette Christian, Lisa Leslie, Jim Mielke, Cheryl Pizel, Blythe Stillwell, Ann Stoering, Scott Walston, Pam Weicherding, Nancy Wills, and alternates Lauri Altmann and Deb Yotter.

The Teen Board is located in Herberger's store and is actually a board hanging on the wall, which has each member's picture on it modeling the season's popular fashions. The pictures are usually taken every fall and spring so that the new styles may be seen by Herberger's customers while shopping.

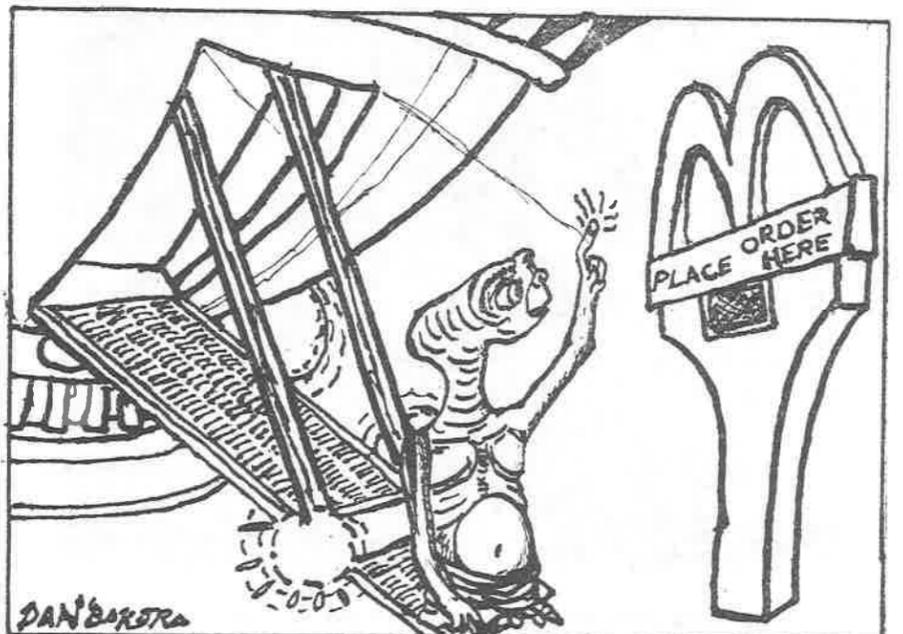
The Teen Board has been in existence for four years, and each year it has tried some new and different activities. In September, Herberger's sponsored a Bikeathon, which consisted of a 30 mile round trip to Hanska and back. Refreshments were served at Hanska for a break and then again when the bikers returned. HXLP donated some of the food, KXLP FM donated t-shirts as door prizes while Herberger's also gave gift certificates to the almost 30 entrants, which included the members of Teen Board. They raised almost \$600 in pledges which was presented to the United Way on the night of the Telethon. This activity is one example of Herberger's Teen Board involve-

ment with the community. Civic affairs is one of the purposes of the Teen Board. Another purpose is to represent Herberger's and to associate these young people with Herberger's.

In charge of the Teen Board is Sheri Wills, a 1980 graduate of NUHS who has been employed at Herberger's in the Junior Sportswear Department for fourteen months. She usually meets with the members once a week in the board room at Herberger's. Attendance is required. The meetings last long enough to cover what is needed to be discussed. Most meetings discuss ideas for upcoming events and projects. The Teen Board generally likes to present one project each month. The October project was presented on Sunday, October 17, when Herbergers opened for Christmas shopping. The Teen Board members modeled clothing as live mannequins set up around the store.

They haven't decided on a December project yet, however, an idea that has come up is to have some sort of pageant to display the holiday styles.

Ann Stoering said that all members receive a 20% discount on anything they purchase. She also stated that, "The guys are great, I only wish there were more!" Jim Mielke says, "I'm glad that I tried out for the spot on Teen Board. It's different and I think more guys would enjoy it." So far the alternates have participated in each project, and Sheri Wills says that they are treated as actual Teen Board members.



A PEPSI AND A SPIELBERGER TO GO!

## Big Jim builds muscles

by Barb Bianchi  
Graphos Reporter

Senior Jim Mielke has been chosen as this month's Big Man on Campus (BMOC). He is involved in football, track, student council, and choir.

Mielke devotes much of his time to sports. His position on the football team this year is fullback and linebacker. In track he runs the sprint races and throws the discuss.

When he is not in school, his other activities include being a member of the Herberger's Teen Board, lifting weights at Turner Hall, and collecting beer cans since he was 10 years old. Mielke will be modeling for the Herberger's Teen Board on November 21, 1982, from 6:00-10:00 p.m. When asked why he is involved in a weight-lifting program, he replied, "I enjoy doing it; it takes up some of my spare time, and it also builds up my muscles." He joked that he will lift weights until his shirt sleeves rip out. (Editor's note: That should not be too tough to do since he buys his shirts three sizes too small.)

Mielke also collects beer cans. He has over 3000 cans including some from Germany, France, Italy, and Canada. Mielke thinks that he has one of the largest collections in New Ulm.

At the present time, he is employed at KMart in New Ulm. During the summer he is the manager of the outdoor theater. Mielke said he expects to have a new job at the indoor theater within a few weeks.

His main concern about the New Ulm High School is the Senior Lounge. "I think that we are getting ripped-off by not having a Senior Lounge. It's not fair! They should just find another place for it, like in the teachers' lounge. It's disgusting that nobody gives us any respect!"

Mielke enjoys living in New Ulm. "It's a nice little town with a friendly German atmosphere." He is looking forward to graduation and plans to major in business management and computers next fall at Mankato State.

He feels that extracurricular fees are a great idea. The students are trying harder because some of their money is invested in that activity.



After spending much of his spare time lifting weights, BMOC Jim Mielke models one of his T-shirts that is three sizes too small.



Nancy Nelson, Nettie Sawatzky, Sue Gag, and Patty Nelson attended PIP, a two week summer camp held in Duluth.

## PIP is prevention of drug and alcohol abuse

by Tina Frederickson  
Graphos Reporter

PiP is Partners in Prevention. The Partners are high school juniors, and the prevention is the prevention of drug and alcohol abuse. Put these two together and you have four juniors talking to and informing others about drug and alcohol abuse.

To become a PiP member, you must be a sophomore. At the end of the school year, there is a sign-up list available to all interested students. They are asked to write what they would do, and why they're interested in PiP. Last year's PiP members then choose four of these people who they think would handle the role and its obligations well. This year's PiP people are Sue Gag, Nancy Nelson, Patty Nelson, and Nettie Sawatzky. These newly chosen partners attended a two week summer camp in Duluth to learn more about their responsibilities as a PiP person.

The camp is a great bargain; it's free. The United Way paid the \$425 fee for each person.

At the camp's group sessions people talk to the PiP participants about drug

and alcohol abuse. At night groups talk about their feelings, develop new friends, and get in touch with themselves. To put it simply, they get closer to others and themselves. They also discuss how they can deal with drug and alcohol abuse problems. They also toured various rehabilitation centers and talked to those receiving treatment.

The feelings about the camp are good. Sue Gag says that it's something that she'd attend again. She and Nancy Nelson also agree that it's an excellent experience.

With this new knowledge about chemical abuse, the PiP people are expected to share this information with others. They attend community meetings and suggest ideas and views on how to prevent drug and alcohol abuse.

They also go to Jefferson and Washington elementary schools to talk to the kids about chemical abuse. At the Junior High, they talk to the health classes. At the Senior High they talk to 10th grade health classes, hold a PiP fest (a lock-in), and have a Get High On Yourself Week.

## Steinbach: Big name in baseball

by Ann Schmid  
Graphos Editor

Last month Terry Steinbach, a graduate of New Ulm High School, was named co-captain of the University of Minnesota baseball team. He became the first NUHS athlete to be a captain in a Big Ten School.

Steinbach was graduated from New Ulm High School in 1980. During high school he played baseball and hockey for four years and ran on the cross country team as a senior. He received the Wellman Memorial Scholarship in baseball during his senior year.

Steinbach started playing baseball because his older brothers Tim and Tom played. If he wanted to be with them, he had to play. Tim, Tom, and Terry all played baseball on the same University of Minnesota team in 1981 and 1982. In New Ulm the name Steinbach goes with baseball.

Steinbach has played on many New Ulm baseball teams. When he was younger, he played on the VFW team. He was a member of the American Legion team when they went to the Legion World Series in Yakama, Washington. And he has played on the local Kaiserhoff team.

When asked what he thought of New Ulm's baseball program, Steinbach said, "I think it's one of the best programs in Minnesota." The reason for New Ulm's good high school team is the fact that there are many summer leagues. "All New Ulm is baseball." Steinbach feels New Ulm's baseball program helped him because he got to play a lot of baseball.

Steinbach's favorite part of baseball is hitting because it's a challenge. "It's rewarding when you can hit."

Last summer Steinbach played in a baseball league in Cape Cod, about 50 miles from Boston, Massachusetts. He

thought it was a "really good league." He won several awards during this summer league. He was voted most valuable player for his team, most valuable player for the league, and he won the batting title.

This spring Terry Steinbach goes back to the University's baseball team as co-captain. He will be playing first and third base. It will be his third year of playing baseball at the U. Last year Steinbach's batting average was .400. His most memorable moment in baseball came last season when The U of M team won the Big Ten Conference Championship. "Winning the Big Ten was a real important thing for me."

Many people think Steinbach will be drafted by the pros this year. "I've thought a lot about it. If I get drafted, I'll really give turning pro some thought, but I just have to wait until June 4."



Terry Steinbach, a graduate of NUHS, is the first alumnus to be a captain of a Big Ten team. (Photo courtesy of The Journal.)

# TV may be worth watching

by Joanie Baker  
Graphos Reporter

New Ulm Cable TV subscribers may be in for a surprise. The local cable system currently has 12 channels. A new ruling passed by the Minnesota Communications Control Board states that by 1986 all cable systems must be moved to a 20 channel capacity.

Russ Haber, manager of New Ulm TV Signal, would like to see a 36 channel system. There are places in the metro area that already have 100 channels. Realistically, 36 channels would work for New Ulm for a long time. Using this system, subscribers could opt for a basic 12 channel hookup or pay more for additional channels. TV cable customers could get exactly what they want.

The Citizens Cable Advisory Committee is a group set up by the City Council. This group, headed by Dan Reilly of the New Ulm Public Library, is asked to make recommendations to

the City regarding TV cable franchise negotiations. Recently the committee finished a Renew Report which will be given to the City Council. The report has suggestions that the group looked into for New Ulm's cable system.

The Advisory Committee would like to have TV Signal provide a studio for public access programming. Several towns in the state have written a provision into their franchise agreements much like the committee's suggestion. It requires companies to provide the public with access to thousands of dollars worth of studio space and equipment. In Reilly's eyes, the committee "made some good recommendations."

There's no certainty as to what changes will occur. However, one thing is for sure. With all the alterations in the New Ulm cable system, television may yet be worth watching.



Ed Rewitzer checks one of his many traps during the trapping season.

# The fun of hunting can't be camouflaged

by Paula Burdorf  
Graphos Reporter

The season is upon us when people eye gleaming shotguns and swarm sporting shops to buy ammunition and Oneida jump spring traps. They go traipsing around wearing curious camouflaged outfits and tall rubber hip boots. What is the occasion? It is hunting and trapping season.

Actually, hunting and trapping is fun. Hunting places meat on the table. Cooked up right, just about anything tastes good. Squirrel tastes like chicken; rabbit can be cooked to juicy, succulent tenderness. Deer meat is a real treat. There is deer sausage, hamburger, rumproasts, and steaks, all of which are delicious. Ducks and geese are fantastic on Thanksgiving or Christmas.

Of course, eating what one hunts isn't everything. Hunting is just plain fun. It isn't always easy or pleasant. It takes a special breed to be a hunter, but to those who fit that breed, hunting is great. Only a duck hunter could enjoy trudging through knee-deep muck in the rain a half hour before sunrise to his favorite hunting spot in some marsh or swamp. Only pheasant hunters can enjoy pounding through shoulder-high, tangled, wild sloughs trying to flush a pheasant.

Yet when that gun goes off, there is no greater satisfaction than to see one's quarry fall. It takes skill to bag a critter, and the best feeling in the world is to get that first goose or pheasant.

I love to hunt. I was determined to get one with a bow and arrow, so I got dressed in my camouflage outfit, grabbed my compound bow, and my mom dropped me off at a wildlife management area along the Minnesota River.

The day was icy, windy, and cloudy. I trudded into the woods, trying to be sneaky and not scare anything away. I failed completely. I'm sure, every deer within miles of me fled. Disheartened, I decided to climb a tree and sit quietly for a deer to come. I waited an hour, and by that time, I had seen nothing. I gave up on the tree idea, climbed down, and stalked through the woods to warm up looking and listening for deer. Then I saw that it was beginning to get dark. My mom was going to pick me up at sunset. I had to get out of the woods.

Only, which way was out? It was getting darker and darker; I had to find my way out of those woods. Then I encountered a creek. It was too wide to jump across, but a skinny tree had fallen across it. I decided to try to cross on it. Half-way across, it broke, and I went swimming.

When I finally found my way out of the woods, it was dark. Mom had been waiting for me and by now was frantic, sure that I'd somehow managed to shoot myself. Hunting sure is fun!

Trapping is equally enjoyable. Trappers today usually trap beaver, muskrat, mink, raccoon, fox, and even skunks for their pelts. They skin the animals and sell the hides to the fur buyers. I once got as much as seventy dollars for two good raccoon skins. If one can catch the fur buyers at the right time, trapping can be very profitable.

Trapping is the best in winter because the animals' furs are their thickest. While hunting takes more skill with a gun, trapping takes wit and knowledge about the animal.

I trap beaver, usually in the spring if I can get a special permit from the game warden. Often beaver dams cause problems and flood valuable farmland. I use a number four or five jump spring trap.

I find what is called a "beaver run," a place along the shore where the beaver come up to get sticks for building, eating, etc. I place the trap about three to six inches below the water at the bottom of the beaver run. At night, when the beaver comes up, he steps with his back foot on the pan of a trap, and the animal is caught.

When I have a trap line, I walk along the whole line every morning at sunrise and check the traps. Sometimes the beaver are wise to trappers who may have trapped the area before me, and I find the traps empty or set off, in which case, I must reset them. Sometimes the traps have been set off but caught nothing because they were set incorrectly.

There are those heart-stopping moments when I hear the splashing of a beaver caught in a trap. It's a proud feeling knowing that my cunning caught the animal. It is a better feeling when the fur gets a good price from the buyer.

# Ring up enthusiasm

by Diane Podolske  
Graphos Reporter

When Graphos editor Ann Schmid gave me my assignment, I said to myself, "Self, this article is going to be as boring as a discussion of Ann Scholtz' love life!" However, I grabbed my pen and notebook and headed for the halls.

After showing two lost sophomores to their lockers, I found a junior who was studying for a chemistry symbol test in the cafeteria. I asked her what she thought about yellow gold, platinum, and lustrium, the metals used in making class rings. She promptly replied, "Well, gold is Au, platinum is Pt, and lustrium is...Lu?" At that moment, I knew that it was going to be a long day.

I decided to try for some "class ring reactions" during lunch. I carefully broached the subject of class rings, but the only replies I heard were three belches, a yawn, and the smacking of lips. The only "useable" answer I got was in regard to the cost of class rings. The senior simply stated that "a fool and his money are easily parted."



NUHS students buy class rings.

By this time I was getting desperate. I couldn't get two people to agree on anything. Finally, I found a group of girls who had similar opinions. They all thought that the Josten's representative was "really cute!"

In conclusion, while buying a class ring is a historic event, the enthusiasm generated about it in this school is about equal to watching the paint dry on "the rock."

In other words, never have so many given so much with so little enthusiasm.



Many students are caught up in the satisfaction of hunting and trapping.

# sports

*Running is a family affair*

## *Donnelly's Duck Blind*



by Mike Donnelly  
Sports Columnist

The NUHS cross country teams have been led by a brother-sister tandem this year. They are Dan and Maura Sheehan, who have recently moved here from Dodge City, Kansas.

Dan is a senior at NUHS who says that he's always been interested in running. He and his father began running at the same time and competing in some 10 kilometer (6 mile) races together. He began running track for his school in 8th grade, but he wasn't very serious about running until he was in the 9th grade.

"During my freshmen year I probably worked harder than I did any other year," he said. "At the beginning of the season, our coach had us running every morning and every night."

Last year Sheehan and his Dodge City High School teammates enjoyed a terrific season. Competing in class 6A (the class of largest schools in Kansas), his team took the region and the state cross-country titles and were undefeated. Dan, running as the team's number four man, placed 8th in the region. At the state meet he placed 17th.

Sheehan has continued to win in Minnesota. Running as number one man for coach Skip Davis' team, he placed 2nd at the Redwood Falls Invitational, 3rd at the New Ulm Invitational, 1st at a triangular with Fairmont and Blue Earth, 3rd at the Worthington Invitational, 1st at the Waseca Triangular, and 5th at the tough Shakopee meet, where he turned in his best time, 15:34 for 3 miles. He also finished a "disappointing" 2nd in the South Central Conference meet which he described as "frustrating. A poorly marked course cost me the race." At this point he looks like a cinch to finish in the top five in the region and earn a trip to the state meet.

As you could probably guess, Sheehan's spring sport is track. Last spring, as a 2-miler for Dodge City High School, he placed 3rd in the region and 8th in the state. The two mile relay team of which he was a part finished 1st in the region and 8th in the state. He will be a welcome addition to the defending Region 2 champion Eagles this spring.

And guess what he does with his spare time? He runs! He records his mileage in a runner's diary. He averages 50-60 miles a week and hopes to reach 2000 miles by the end of the year. As of October 23, he had 1634 miles to his credit so his goal seems realistic. Sheehan enjoys intramural basketball, ping-pong, racquetball, sailing, bicycling, and cross-country skiing.

Maura Sheehan is a sophomore at Cathedral High School. She has been a welcome addition to Dennis Ellingson's girls' team, with a finish of 1st in the New Triangular and other finishes of 4th, 5th, 6th, 17th, and 26th. She also finished 12th in the SCC meet. Her best time this year is 13:13 for the 2 mile course; she hopes to break 13:00 at the region meet.

**Reporter's note:** I'm not going to say that the Sheehan family is addicted to running, but when I went to their home to interview them, they were watching the New York City Marathon.



Sheehan is the leading boys' cross country runner.



Pat Davis 30 assists in tackling a Blue Earth ball carrier.

## *Football provides interesting moves*

by Scott Walston  
Graphos Reporter

Most people think football is a game of just offense and defense. Although offense and defense are the biggest parts of the game, the special teams plan an important role in every game. Coach Jim Malcolm's squad consists of nine different teams including seven special teams. The nine teams are offense, defense, goal line defense, prevent defense, punt team, punt return team, kickoff team, kickoff return team, and the extra point and field goal unit. Each unit plays in certain situations in the game.

The special teams also give many more players an opportunity to play and get involved in the game. Thirty-three different people play on any one of these nine teams while several people are on more than one. Erich Martens tends to be the busiest man on the field because he is on seven of the nine teams. Chris Bloomer also sees a great amount of playing time; he plays on six different teams.

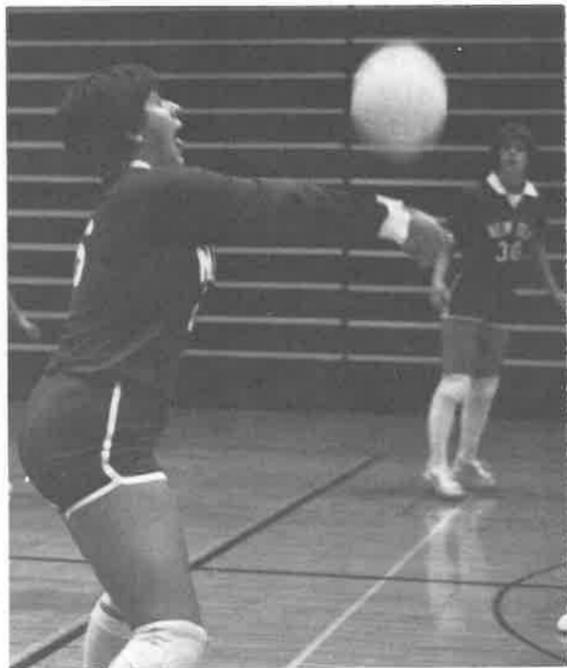
The goal line defense is a special team used when opponents are near our own end zone. These guys are called on to do the stopping. The prevent

defense is mainly used to stop the opponent when they need short yardage for a first down or to prevent the threat of a long pass. The punt team is the team that is called upon to kick the ball as far away from our goal as possible. If the opposing team is pushed deep into their territory, the job of the Eagle defense is easier. The punt return receives the punt and sets the ball up for the offense. The kickoff units are called to do similar tasks as the punt teams except they use a tee for kicking instead of just punting. The last and maybe the most important team is the extra point and field goal unit. Their main task is to kick extra points after touchdowns, but occasionally they are called upon to kick a field goal. This team can often win or lose a game by missing or making an extra point or a field goal so it is the special team that gets the most practice time. A great amount of timing is involved in this team, especially between the holder and the kicker.

Well, there you have it, a short explanation of the complexity of the game of football. Next time you watch a game, watch the special teams because at times they are more important than the offensive and defensive units.



Senior Bonnie Duetsch 356 runs with the other participants in the NU Girls' Cross Country Invitational.



**Senior Tracy Steinbach bumps the ball as junior Deb Winter watches.**

## Volleyball players add spike to victory

by Kris Moelter  
Graphos Reporter

Bump, set, spike — this sequence of hits gets the ball over the net. For the Eagles, the spike has been the key to this year's success.

For those who aren't familiar with volleyball, a spike is a hard hit, traveling downward, which is hit with the purpose of not being returned. In order to hit a "good" spike, four elements are necessary: timing, approach, jump, and placement.

Timing is essential for the other three steps. The approach, jump, and placement all depend on timing.

In the approach, a player must run to the position she wants to be in when she makes contact with the ball. The running start puts power into the jump.

The next step is a strong jump. The higher a player jumps, the more power and speed the ball will have as it travels over the net. Naturally, the chances are a taller person will be a good spiker because she will add height with the jump. For this reason, most successful spikers are tall players. Timing is also an important part of the jump.

"If you jump late, you will hit the ball into the net, and if you jump early, the ball will probably fall to the floor," says Karin Olson.

The final element is placement. A hard spike is much more effective when it is placed or hit to an open spot. According to Sharon LaPlante, placing the ball is difficult because a player must look for the open spots before she starts her approach.

Although spiking is important to the Eagle attack, "a good spike is useless unless the team can serve, bump, and set," commented LaPlante.

"Everyone needs to talk to each other," added Olson. Without teamwork, the ball would end up on the floor more often than not.

The importance of spiking can't be over emphasized. Without spiking the only way to get the ball over the net is to set or bump. However, setting and bumping are too easy for the other team to return. And since the Eagles are not known for defense, spiking is essential.

Spiking is an important aspect of the Eagle game plan. Due to the spiking ability of this year's Eagles, they are once again in the thick of the South Central Conference race.



**Senior Beth Altmann played a large role in this year's successful tennis season.**

## Cross country runners successful

by Scott Kastman  
Graphos Reporter

The disappearance of the fall colors marks the end of another fall sports season, and once again New Ulm's cross country teams have done well. The boys' team under coach Skip Davis have had a good year despite winning at only one meet, the triangular with Fairmont and Blue Earth. They came within three points of winning the South Central Conference title, something that just slipped through their fingers. They will compete in the region tournament with seventeen other teams bidding for a post in the state meet. The team, which runs only one senior, two juniors, two sophomores, and two freshmen, is happy with the season's results and look for better things next year.

The senior and leader of this year's team is Dan Sheehan. Sheehan, who moved from Dodge City, Kansas, was on a state championship team last year at Dodge City. In that meet he took

nineteenth place with a two mile time of ten minutes flat. After running for three years in Kansas, he found Minnesota cross country meets were a big change. First of all, two-mile meets are run in Kansas; whereas Minnesota has three miles or five thousand meters. Another change is the difference in terrain. He likes running in Minnesota because of the variety in the landscape. In addition to running at practice he also runs at least two or three mornings a week and usually runs about fifty miles a week. Sheehan is one reason for the success of this year's boys' team.

The girls' team has also had a good season. The girls won all but one conference meet and finished third in the conference. The girls will compete in the region playoffs. The leaders of this year's team have been Lennea Lentz, Pam Kamm, and Maura Sheehan. Next year's team looks promising because only two seniors will graduate.



**Seniors Steve Kretsch, Dan Sheehan, Cal Portner, and Mike Peterson loosen up before a cross country meet.**

## Girls' tennis team rolls over opponents

**"Talent, good coaching, and teamwork were the reasons this team did so well again this year."**

by Matt Stroud  
Graphos Reporter

Sometime during the last three months you might have been driving by the tennis courts on Garden Street. You probably noticed a dozen or so girls playing tennis, oftentimes in their game uniforms "which are too small in the skirt." It probably wasn't the nicest fall tennis weather, but that didn't seem to bother the team much.

The girls were on their way to a 12-3 record. They rolled over most of their opponents. They finished 2nd in the conference, once again behind perennial champion Blue Earth. They won the sub-region title, but lost to Chaska in the region semi-finals.

Along the way the no. 1 singles player Nancy O'Kane, a junior from Cathedral, won the conference title. She went on to be the individual sub-

region champ by beating her teammate senior Anne Sholtz in the finals.

In the region individual tourney Nancy O'Kane and Anne Sholtz made their way to the semi-finals. It was there that they were defeated again by Chaska's no. 1 and no. 2 singles players respectively.

Talent, good coaching, and teamwork were the reasons this team did so well again this year. The girls said that teamwork was the key to their success. Anne Sholtz said, "We had a super team effort. Whenever a singles player lost, the slack was picked up by the doubles teams and vice-versa."

"We did better than expected of us," said Kelly Gruenhagen.

What about next year's team? Beth Altmann, Anne Sholtz, and Wendy Zimmerman will graduate. All three played a large role in this year's successful season, but the team will return with seven juniors who have had much experience.

"Next year we should go really far, possibly to the state tourney," said Kelly Gruenhagen.