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Juniors are already anticipating their senior year.



Juniors and seniors enjoy their last days of school.

Going to school means more than education

by Jenifer Peterson
Graphos Reporter

Thirteen years have elapsed since the day the 1983 seniors began their journey through school. That first day of kindergarden found many of us frightened, anxious, and filled with questions of what this new experience called "school" would be like. Today graduation is almost upon us, and yet many of us are feeling those same feelings as we did that first day. Only now we wonder what this new experience called "independence" will be like.

Friendships that each of us have developed over the years rank number one on the senior miss list. In many ways the times we have shared have made us resemble one enormous family. Together we have experienced and survived such feats as the 600 yard dash, junior high dances, pepfests, and lectures by long winded teachers. We've helped each other out when it came to tests, and together we made going to school mean more than just an education.

Graduation is, without a doubt, a big step in our lives. It represents a turning point; we are now free to make choices for ourselves. Jill Radke explained it well when she said, "It'll be strange to be on our own — making our own decisions." Previously, our lives had been routine; each year we returned to school in the fall. Now there won't be anymore green library



Senior Jill Radke.

passes, check in and check out sheets, and at last, as Annette Franta said, "We will have our freedom."

The attitude toward graduation has changed during the course of the year. In the fall many seniors sensed a feeling of depression as they watched their last football game. Each annual school event passed with a thought that it would be a last for seniors. About the time spring weather finally struck, seniors fell victims to senioritis, and the attitudes toward graduation turned. The first symptoms were a lack of interest in homework and an inability to concentrate. Other symptoms are familiar names repeatedly appearing on the pink unexcused sheet. As of now there are no known cures, but from past case histories symptoms fade once graduation is over.

It's really quite amazing the length of time seniors prepare for graduation. Josten's makes their first haul in the junior year when the class rings are purchased. When the rings are tried on for the first time, the first true realization of graduation occurs.

Then comes the time for graduation pictures. As underclassmen we admired the seniors' beautiful pictures and wondered what a professional photographer would do for us, yet somehow the pictures weren't as great when we were signing them.

Next came the time to get measured for the caps and gowns, which get the girls wondering what to wear for graduation. Finally the seniors place their graduation announcement orders and Josten's makes their final profit. With each step in the process there is an increasing realization that graduation is growing closer.

When we start reminiscing about our school days, many students wonder which memories will stay with us. For example, will seniors recall the days they went to school feeling like it would take a miracle to make it through the days, and the only answer seemed to be the door? Or will seniors remember the way everyone had their morning territory in the hall where they would congregate with close friends. Many of us will remember those teachers who liked us well enough to buy our excuses for a late paper. School janitors were always good to

us. They always appeared good-natured and remained friendly even though we were the ones who made the mess they had to pick up. Many of us will probably recall the days we began questioning the purpose of some of our classes. English teachers made vocabulary words a top priority. We knew all along if we should retain the meaning to the words, we'd probably never use them for fear of what people would think of us.

When class reunion time rolls around, it will be interesting to find out just what everyone has done with his life. Right now we know which class member excels in what area, yet we cannot predict success beyond that point. Who knows? The person who had his locker next to yours may just be your dentist. Whatever the future may hold, somehow we will succeed, because it has now been written, "the best shall be the class of 1983."



Senior Annette Franta.

editorial

Times are tough



by Ann Schmid
Graphos Editor

The school year will soon be coming to an end. Graduation is almost here for us seniors. There have been many good times. But let's face it, the Class of '83 got cheated.

It all started when cuts were announced last spring. Obviously those decisions have affected the quality of education. The teacher cuts have influenced the choice of classes, the content of the courses, and the class size. We also did not get to schedule our own courses.

When we got back to school last fall, we found there was no Senior Lounge. Since our sophomore year we've waited to have a special place to go. The cafeteria just isn't anything special. Later in the year the principal's office informed us that the machines in the cafeteria couldn't be turned on until after lunch. Who makes these rules? I think all of us are capable of eating right. No one really has to tell us what and when to eat.

Times must really be tough. Students can't even get an aspirin during school. With all

the thinking kids have to do today and all the headaches we get from it, we just have to suffer through. So we suggest you bring your own aspirin (BYOA).

Another matter the principal's office has complained about is the parking lot. They are terribly concerned that everyone parks in the correct spot. They've also been telling us what roads we can drive on. They don't want us to use the Jefferson entrance. What's the big deal anyway?

The school will install meters in the parking lot. School officials will make it so expensive that no one will be able to drive to school. Maybe they could even bring back the old school patrol.

Next year we believe the bathroom breaks will be changed. Remember when we went to the lavatory together in Jefferson? The boys were in one line, the girls in another. Five students were allowed to go in at once. This policy could be effective at NUHS. Teachers could bring students to the lavatories at the assigned times during specific hours.

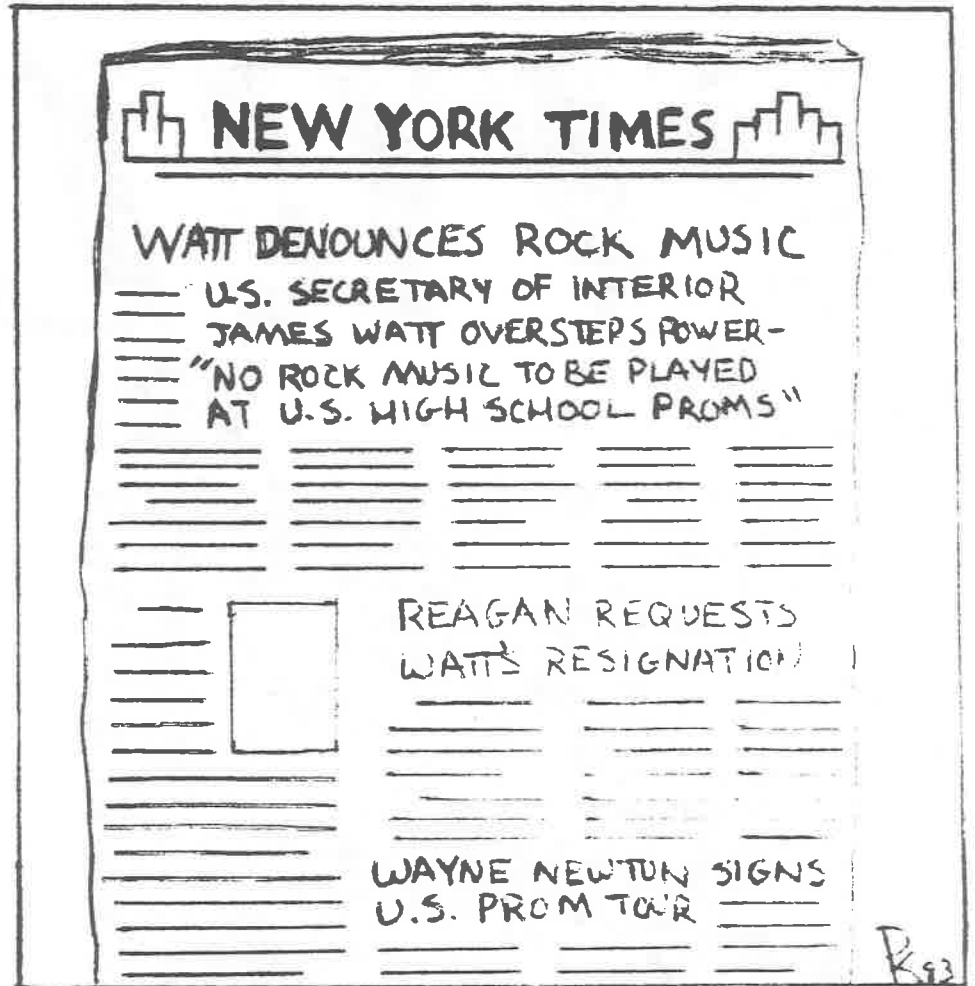
Then there is the problem of the water fountain. Precautions should be taken here too. Maybe a new policy could be put into operation; no more than two drinks, not in succession, or before classes.

If the school wants to be really hardcore, they could allow teachers to order intermediate periods of no breathing. This directive would be effective if a class got too noisy. Mr. Weber could change his famous saying of "sit down, shut up, and start reading" to "sit down, shut up, and stop breathing."

Growing Pains

by Kim Winter

"You're too young!"
"You're too old!"
Everyone goes through it,
You're not alone.
It's all involved in the
Process called growing.
Adolescence is confusing enough,
We don't need to be told we're too young or too old.
So many decisions, complete with conflicts.
"The best years of our lives" are sometimes the pits.
These years are so full of pressure,
Sometimes we think we can't cope.
Where will I go? What will I do?
No doubt about it. It's all up to you.
You have to make these decisions someday.
Your life isn't just one big game.
Face it. You can't fake it.
It's all a part of the growing pain.



Special moments create special memories



by Pam Weicherding
Graphos Editor

Graduation is a special way of feeling. It is an emptiness we feel as we hug our classmates tight, saying goodbye, one last time. Memories surface of the good we felt when we talked to our friends, and they wanted to listen and didn't tell us to be quiet or go away. It is the happy way we felt when we helped a friend...or aced a test...shared ups and downs throughout the school years.

During the years we have shared many special moments, discovering new things together. Just like seeing a lovely flower that no one else has noticed, we discovered secrets of our very own. High school has helped us recognize many things about ourselves, about life.

As we reminisce of the good times past, we realize we have also been learn-

ing what lies ahead. We all hold on to special memories from our high school years, yet we anxiously await upcoming events; future memories that will someday be as special as our high school memories. Graduation is a time of looking back, but more importantly of looking forward.

Friendships start in little ways. They may have begun the day we first shared our thoughts together...or helped someone who needed us...or, sometimes, they begin because, we understand how someone else feels. Good friendships begin quietly, but you know they're growing because you are not alone anymore...and there is no longer any emptiness. This last year represents the final chapter of our high school days. The next chapters will contain new possibilities, interests, and friendships. So remember when we receive our diplomas and begin that new chapter, the emptiness we once felt is replaced by hope because friendship is a special feeling that stays with us for the rest of our lives.

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Ryberg and Rolloff optimistic about future of District 88

by Suzanne Clark
Graphos Reporter

The school board will see two new faces in the upcoming term. Jim Rolloff and Roger Ryberg, who have been members of the school board for two terms, have decided not to run for re-election. Both Rolloff and Ryberg feel that two three-year terms is enough. Ryberg felt that it was time to let someone else serve.



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Ryberg has optimistic views about the school system for the future. He feels that New Ulm public schools "offer an excellent education opportunity. Test scores show us to be as good as or better than other schools in Minnesota." By serving on the school board Ryberg has become familiar with the school system. "I am very pleased and proud of the excellent staff and faculty." Ryberg attributes the excellence of District 88 to its staff of concerned educators.

The forward looking administration of the school district also pleases Ryberg. "They keep up to date and keep in tune with requirements of what will be necessary in the future." The state is committed to higher education because of the standards previously set. "There is enough understanding that good education goes right along with good business climate and a good quality of life."

Changes occur when money becomes less available, enrollment goes down, and costs rise. Ryberg has seen the positive change of moving towards computers. "It is a plus that elementary students become familiar with computers early." Ryberg feels it is a shame to have to pay for sports. Another change is the absence of Spanish. "The school system can't continue to spend more than it takes in year after year. The board has to evaluate and prioritize and make cuts

from there," said Ryberg. He feels it is hardest to decide what has to be cut and what stays.

Ryberg feels that the money cuts were most drastic last year. "The worst is over and next year won't be as bad." Lack of adequate funding will restrict class offerings. The alternative is to increase class size.

Many math and science teachers are leaving teaching and going into industry. In the world of teaching, supply and demand has no effect. There is a fixed starting salary for teachers no matter what subject one teaches. "It is a fact that teachers will have other opportunities available to them and many will take advantage of them," said Ryberg concerning teacher salaries. If a teacher is in demand, then his starting salary should be increased to attract him to teaching. But, on the other hand, Ryberg feels that many teachers enjoy teaching and will stay on despite the poor economic situation.

Jim Rolloff also feels that district 88 has a sound educational program. "District 88 is one of the top ranked; it has been, and there is no reason that it won't continue," said Rolloff.

Right now the concern is financing. Minnesota is in financial difficulty; therefore the schools are in trouble too. Looking down the road a few years, Rolloff doesn't see the state coming out of the economic slump rapidly. "Cuts will have to be made down the line. Hopefully not so severe as last year."

Rolloff has also noticed some changes in District 88. There is a much broader course selection. The vocational school is relatively new. The alternative school became an option. "The course offerings are better, more choices and more emphasis on specialty areas that interest students," Rolloff observed as a positive change.

Money is a concern recognized by Rolloff. "The belt will have to be tightened up. The money won't be

there. There is the possibility of additional cuts in all areas — administration, staff, programs, and supplies." At this time there are no definite cuts set. A list of possible savings has been compiled by the administration. A dollar value was set for each item and how much money could be saved if that item were cut. Once a budget is set, then cuts can be determined. "There will not be any big improvement over the next few years. It will be a struggle to maintain what we had last year," says Rolloff.

Rolloff is not certain about the next few years. He is hopeful that enough money will be available to maintain the present programs in District 88.

Both Ryberg and Rolloff are pleased that they had an opportunity to serve on the school board. They have become better acquainted with the administration and teachers in the school system. "New Ulm can be proud of the school system it has. It doesn't have to take a back seat to anyone," was a comment of both Ryberg and Rolloff.



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Seniors of '83 "get things together"

by Paula Burdorf
Graphos Reporter

Another year, and yet another class is passing through New Ulm Senior High this spring of 1983. Ed Donahue, vice principal, comments, "As the seniors of 1983 look ahead, they see that one part of their life is ending and another beginning. They need to wrap things up and get every piece in place before they can receive their diploma." To give seniors the chance to "get things together," there has been a special last week of school set up for them.

The last week of school schedule for seniors is as follows:

Monday, May 23: Regular class schedule.

Tuesday, May 24: Test day. Regular class schedule. Last day of school for Seniors.

Wednesday, May 25: 8:45 A.M. Senior Breakfast with graduation practice following.

Thursday, May 26: 8:00 P.M. Graduation ceremonies.

Monday and Tuesday will be the days that seniors take their final exams and get all their school work completed. It is important for seniors to get all their work done; as Mr. Donahue says, if they don't, they will not be allowed to graduate.

On Wednesday the Senior Breakfast is held. At this last class meeting awards will be given to deserving

seniors. Immediately following breakfast, the seniors will practice for graduation at Johnson Park or in the gymnasium in case of rain.

After this practice session, the seniors are free to get things ready at home for graduation receptions. At 8:00 Thursday night formal graduation ceremonies will be held at either Johnson Park or in the school gymnasium depending on the weather. The Senior Class will then be officially "free and graduated."

What kind of a class is being turned out this year? Principal Dave Stead stated, "This class is one of the most outgoing, involved, and talented classes that have come through this school in a long time."

people

Class of '83

by Kayla Koberg

The days are going faster,
You can tell it's almost here
It seemed to take forever —
But now it is the year!

It seems like only yesterday
When we were all in school —
Worrying if we looked all right,
Trying to be cool.

Making sure the teachers
Wouldn't catch us in the halls —
Or writing little sayings
On the bathroom walls.

We have all changed so much,
Grown into adults —
We must not look behind us now,
We must forget our faults.

Happiness mixed with sorrow,
Hope filled with doubt,
Looking back but seeing the future —
What is life about?

Walking through the halls
One very last time —
Dreaming and reminiscing,
And now, saying good-bye.

Holding on to memories
And reaching for our goals —
Yes, life is full of hard times,
But as fragile as a rose.

So, please, let's all remember
How it is today...
The memories will be all we have
Down the road, so far away.

Ya, these are the good ol' days
That we have spent together,
And though they'll all be gone someday
We'll remember them forever!



Senior Wendy Zimmerman is deserving of her BWOC as she was recently selected as the woman athlete of the year for NUHS.

Zimmerman is woman athlete of the year

by Barb Bianchi
Graphos Reporter

A big congratulations to Wendy Zimmerman for being selected as Big Woman on Campus (BWOC) for this month! Zimmerman, a senior at New Ulm High School, is deserving of her honor.

Recently she was selected as the woman athlete of the year for NUSHS at the New Ulm Club Athletic Banquet. To receive an honor as this, the qualifier must be a senior and involved in sports. Zimmerman is most certainly involved in sports. She is in tennis, gymnastics, and softball. Tennis is her fall sport. She has been in tennis since junior high school. This past fall, the team went to the regionals while she

competed in the singles division. Being in gymnastics since the seventh grade has helped her qualify for the regionals and the varsity team for the last three years. During the spring and summer months she plays third base on the girls varsity softball team.

A philosophy which describes her attitude is "You can do anything that you want to do in life. You just have to go for it. But the thing many people forget is that you shouldn't use or hurt anyone in your strive for your goal!"

This fall Zimmerman will be attending Lake Forest College in Chicago where she will major in biology.

The best of luck to Wendy Zimmerman in her future plans and congratulations for being selected as this month's BWOC!

Most likely to...

by Tim Eilers

MOST LIKELY TO BE POOR: Mike Finstad

It is my sound belief that anyone who squanders his money on old funeral hurses and ghetto blasters the size of Baltimore obviously doesn't know the first thing about handling finances. Mike Finstad is well known for his costly and often bizarre schemes. His latest project is to have his Chevy Luz bronzed and mounted over his fireplace. Before long Finstad will be as penniless as he is weird.



MOST LIKELY TO BE MARRIED: Lance Vath

After much confusion, frustration, and relentless persistence I finally got Lance Vath away from Sarah long enough to get a few comments. From what I understand, these two lovebirds seem to have a negative reaction if they are away from each other for too long. Vath claims that they begin to perspire, feel faint, and their heart rate increases dramatically. The funny thing is that everyone else tells me that is the way Vath and Sarah get when they are together! At any rate, I say it's wedding bells for this dude.



MOST LIKELY TO BE FAMOUS: Nita Gilbert

How anyone can have so much talent packed into such a small package is beyond me. Nita Gilbert has a surprising amount of ability and charm to match. I predict that Gilbert will start her career doing "Memorex" commercials followed by many years of top of the chart hits. She will retire at an early age and return to NUHS to teach choir. By that time a bunch of renegade "Payne Street Singers" will have butchered Mr. Pederson anyway.



MOST LIKELY TO BE SUED: Brett Olsen

Brett Olsen is well known for his unsurpassed wit. His humor, often bordering on slander, is respected and feared by many who have happened to blunder across his path. Sometime in the not too far off future Olsen will be a well-known journalist who will rub some diplomatic big-wig the wrong way and will have a law suit filed against him for "character damage." The infamous loudmouth John Schuetzle will be in charge of Olsen's defense.



MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED: Jenifer Peterson

The qualities that a person must possess in order to succeed in life are intelligence, determination, and good 'ol common sense. Many people have these qualities, but Jenny Peterson is unique in that she has those qualities and is also pleasant and friendly. As a matter of fact, she is pleasant to the point of being sickening! However, based on ability alone Peterson was not my first choice. It's just that I'm sick of seeing Anne Sholtz's name all over I had to come up with somebody.

Good times BLOOMER at senior party

by Brett Olsen and John Schuetzle
Graphos Columnists

It was SPRENGER about that time of year when senioritis sets in causing young MEYENS to drift into SPAETH. As boredom sets over the school, you could hear people saying "I need a BRINKMANN." Chris BLOOMER, being the natural host, invited the senior class over to his house for a party.

So Chris went to MADSEN's and bought coke, RYBERG crackers, beef GIERKE, WIREBAUGHS to hang from the ceiling, party FAERBERS, WERNERS for roasting, FISCHER nuts, and candy REINARTs left over from valentines. Buying all this food left a KAPING hole in his wallet so he was HENNING for HOLM. Unfortunately everyone else was ready for a big BENDER.

While Chris was shopping, all the guests arrived. They KNAACK-ed on the door and rang the doorbell which went WEICHERDING, WEICHERDING. It appeared that no one was HOLM. People began to think it was all a GAG. SHAVLIK said, "We can get in, the KASSUELKEYs are under the doormat. CHRISTOPHERSON said, "Try the FENSKEYs." But that didn't work and neither did the RADKEYs or the SCHMIDTKEYs. No matter what they tried they couldn't BROICH in but that was ok because it would have been grand LARSONy. So they sat around adMEYERing the purple MARTENS in the birdhouse. Some were inCLYNED to sit in the BAUMANN of the BODE and pretend they were FISCHERING with ENGLE worms. One person even sat on the FLAIG POLLIE. I think it was NEIDECKER (his ASMUS have hurt).

There were cars everywhere. There were blue ones, red ones, ones that SHOEN in the dark and an MG Midget with PLADSEN stripes! Everyone AND-ER-SON must have been there. Finally Chris arrived in his Trans Am from BOELKE Lindmeyers. He was really STROUD of it. When Ann SCHMID showed up, she made Chris' car look like an old KLINKNER. He was really in a HOFFMANN.

BERG and SCHULTZ began to unload their cars of personal party supplies. When Chris saw what they had, he said "HALTMANN!" Everyone booed and HESSed. They said he was DE LEOrious. EILERS said, "If he doesn't let us in, we can all go to Stout STUEBERS. When Chris heard this, he said, "ACHMANN, it's all right. Come on in."

So the BOULDANs entered. ZETAH didn't want to go but GUGGISBERG FORSTER. Chris proceeded to put on his STUEVE Wonder album but ULRICH gave him a lot of STADICK so he took it off and put on Penny WAYNE by the beatles.

After putting on the music Chris went to the kitchen and found spread on the counter KASKs of HOHENSTEIN, SCHMIDT, MILLER, mOLSEN GULDEN, STEINHAUS, PFEIFFER, and other nameless BRANDs. STIMPERT asked, "What-l-ya have?" Chris replied "GUEMMER a glass of MIELKE." Kris MOELTER said, "Ah, come on ChrisKJELHUS is BESEMER, and besides it's brewed in New Ulm. Chris says, "Ah, come on, do you think OSBORNE yesterday. If I drink that stuff, I WILFAHRT for sure.

Chris said, "Whenever the buddies come over, we play games like SIMON says and SCHROEDERs. How about a spelling VEE guys?" Just then Craig came driving down the BLOCK on his cycle. When he saw how boring the party was, he said, "I came all the way from BIANCHI drive for this?" On his way out he KEICKEISEN over LA PLANTE's cycle and said, "I'll come back some other SIEM. When Sharon saw her cycle, she walked it down to MARTINKA's to be repaired.

As the party progressed, people got a little friendly. PERRY could be seen with his date trying to BOEDER to go KOSEK out in the corner. You could hear him whisper, "Come a little KLOSSNER; I'm really HORNER tonight." I could see JANNI with a girl on each side. I asked him, "Why two?" He replied, "A BERDAN in the hand is worth two in the BRUSH." But not all couples were getting along so WELLMANN. PLAGGE and DRAHOTA started fighting in FRANTA everyone. Julie shouted, "I'm FRUHWIRTH you. You've got SCHWARTZ on your nose." He replied, "You're DUMMER than the average BERENEK." She said, "Well, you can be a real DIRCKSON of the time." Then he got mad and BOELTER across the mouth. She had a MARCANO on her lip, but they cleaned it off with a cotton SCHWAB. It was

really quite a BRAULICK. After all that Mike apologized and said, "SHEEHAN I are back together."

About this time the food ran out and everyone was getting hungry. ZIMMERMANN said, "Let's go to DONN-ELLY VIEGELs Kaiserhoff. THOMPSON said, "No, let's just go to HyVee FINSTAD." So they brought some meat and buns to make ABRAHAMburgers and SCHLUMPBERGERS. They also bought beef STEWART, KRENGEL potato chips and a can of Prince GILBERT, and HILLESHEIM said, "Don't forget the SALTZMAN!" When they got to the checkout, they didn't have enough money and they couldn't BAUER it so OSWALD like Baby Face NELSON pulled out a gun, RADLOFFed a few shots and STOLTed it. On the way home they bought a bottle of wine, not the cheap stuff with a twist off but the fancy kind with a CORCORAN. ON the way home it was cold. There was SCHMIESING rain and snow so KOBERG had to SCHEIBEL off the driveway.

When we got here, we saw a chicken HOWK (HENNENher chicks) had bird SCHMITZ all over Chris' car. Just then Chris came out of the house screaming, "Oh, bull SCHUETZLE! Get that BURDORFF my car. "I wish SCHULTEs people would leave."

Some KEINLEN and WEBSTER were still wet so they put their clothes in the clothes SCHREYER while GEIGER and SHELLUM KUCKed the food. While they were cleaning off the driveway, SAMUELSON slipped on the ice. We thought he'd need KRETSCHes, but he decided it would HEALY on its own. The meat was still frozen so they had to use a KNEEFEE with a sharp BLOEDEL to cut it. BORSTAD said, "Oh, look, it's got MOULDAN it. I think its TURNBLAD." Maybe we should cook it until its BLACKSTAD and serve it on SPERLING silver. I hope we don't turn WHITE and get GANGER green. BASTIAN told us we deserved a LA PATKA on the back and he hoped someone didn't HOGGATT all. But not everyone agreed. Some claimed they'd had their FILZEN and you couldn't have FORST them to eat another bite. LINDGREN took a bite and quick FLUEGGEd it out and asked for a GLEISNER of water.

About this time people noticed that not all of their classmates had arrived. HALVORSON said, "Where's SAWATZKY?" KONAKOWITZ said, "He PORTNER had an accident and had to go into the DUETSCH." SHOLTZ asked, "Where is Peter?" BURGHARDT replied, "I think PETER's over there." Well, wherever he is, the girls better look out because PETERS-ON the loose.

By this time the party was getting wild. CORDES said, "Pass me the DEOPERENER and a couple more SCHMITZ. I'll pour them in this STEIN on the wall." Chris said, "Hey, put that STEINBACH it came all the way from Belgium." Some people were really RUNCK and getting out of control. I thought they were going to get WEISENSEL the Buick and UBL all over because their eyes wouldn't VOGES and they WAIBELED when they walked. GASNER told them they'd better go to the VATHroom and throw up in the JOHNSON.

About then a little SCHAEFER came down the steps. AF-FOLTER said, "Hey, he's kind of HANSEN, but I think his HARRIS kind of funny." HABER said, "Just wait a few years; he's still a YOUNG-BLOMmer."

Just as the party was getting out of control OL-STAD showed up in all his RATHMANN. DIETRICH said, "Our GIESEKE is really cooked now. Stead stood there as tall as the DAUER of London and said, "You'd better make out your WILLS now because you're all going to HELLANSON to pay for your ZINS." HINDERMANN said, "Someone must have TOLTZMAN." Stead said, "I'm putting you ZUPFER suspension. And you're not going to graduate."

SCHUGEL and FREDERICKSON decided the only way to get out of it was to KURFESS. Stead said, "Don't try to O'CONNOR me. In LUEHMANN of this I'm gonna make the punishment even STRICHTER.

We didn't know what to do. We wished it was all a bad dream." All these horrible thoughts went through Chris' mind, and he was tossing and turning like he had a high LE FEBRE. All of a sudden he heard his mom yelling up the steps, "Wake up, Chris, you don't want to be late for the last day of your senior year, do you?"

Optimism inspired boys' tennis team

by Matt Stroud
Graphos Reporter

With the late spring this year the sports teams haven't been able to get outside for an early start. The boys' tennis team has spent the early spring indoors.

The team is optimistic about the season. "Realistically we could finish second in the conference."

When the team started practice, they could only hit balls against the walls. Some of the players, however, were able to play indoors at Mankato, but with the snow on the ground, practice usually consisted of conditioning and hitting the ball against the walls.

Now that the team is outside, their practice sessions include competing against each other to determine spots on the squad. Their conditioning is basically running, jumping rope, and doing sprints. When they work out on the ball machine, they practice "ground strokes," which are forehand and backhand shots.

The team expects to do well this year. "We thought last year would be our year and that this year would be

one of rebuilding, but it is turning out just the opposite," said Mike Donnelly. "Our showing so far this season is much better than I thought we would," said John Hoggatt.

The team has been helped a lot by two sophomores playing No. 2 doubles, Chad Meyen and Todd Amundson. They were also helped with the transfer of Brian Hennen, a senior who came from Redwood Falls where he played three years of tennis.

The team is led by Garth Dietrich, a senior at No. 1 singles. Donnelly, also a senior, is at No. 2 singles and Hennen is the No. 3 singles player. At the No. 1 doubles is Hoggatt, a senior, and Duc Phom, a sophomore. At the No. 2 doubles is Meyen and Todd Amundson.

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Just between you and me, Prom '83 was a success

by Kelly Gruenhagen
Graphos Reporter

Although the guys are now broke and the girls have added another formal to their closets, everyone seems to agree that Prom '83 had been a success. The laughter and excitement of the evening which usually lasts much longer than that one magical night proves true again. People can still be heard talking of prom and what a blast it was. In fact, as one roams the halls, he can overhear what really had happened that night.

Well, to inform those readers who didn't attend prom on the evening of May 14, Prom '83 was held in the high school's gym. This setting seemed appropriate as it is the traditional place for prom. The students selected the school gym instead of the Cat N' Fiddle, where prom had been held in previous years. The gym was almost a unanimous choice. The reasons behind the student council's decision to let the students decide were that too many

complained about the crowded dance floor, the cost, and formality of an evening at the Cat N' Fiddle Supper Club.

This year, however, things went well in the gymnasium. "Shaw," the band hired for this year's big spring fling, did an excellent job. The decorations were absolutely wonderful, a student council representative mentioned that much of the profits had been spent on the decorations.

The cost of Prom '83 dance tickets was \$8 per person. This price included free refreshments and snacks the entire evening. Another \$8 was also charged for attending a separate supper, which was held at the Holiday Inn at 6:00 p.m. that same night.

Just between you and me, Prom '83 was an exciting and cherished memory to keep in our hearts for ages. It was the last for NUHS's seniors. Perhaps some of them will be able to return next year accompanied by their underclassmen dates. That is, if they get lucky.

Contest is added dimension to NUHS music program

by Joanie Baker
Graphos Reporter

Approximately 85 choir members and 61 band members took part in an annual music contest along with 16 other area schools. The contest took place on April 15 and 16 at Mankato State University. The students involved were not in competition with each other. The contest is designed to give students an opportunity to perform and be critiqued by judges who have a strong background in music. "The contest is an added dimension to balance a music program," commented band director Curt Iverson.

A variety of events took place for both choir and band members. From the choir department, there were a number of solos, barber shop quartets, and ensembles. Payne Street also performed.

Band members performed in solos, duets, trios, quartets, quintets, and sextets. The swing band also made an appearance. The students are evaluated on how they present their music. Tone quality and pitch are examples on which they are rated. The students strive for a superior ranking represented by a star.

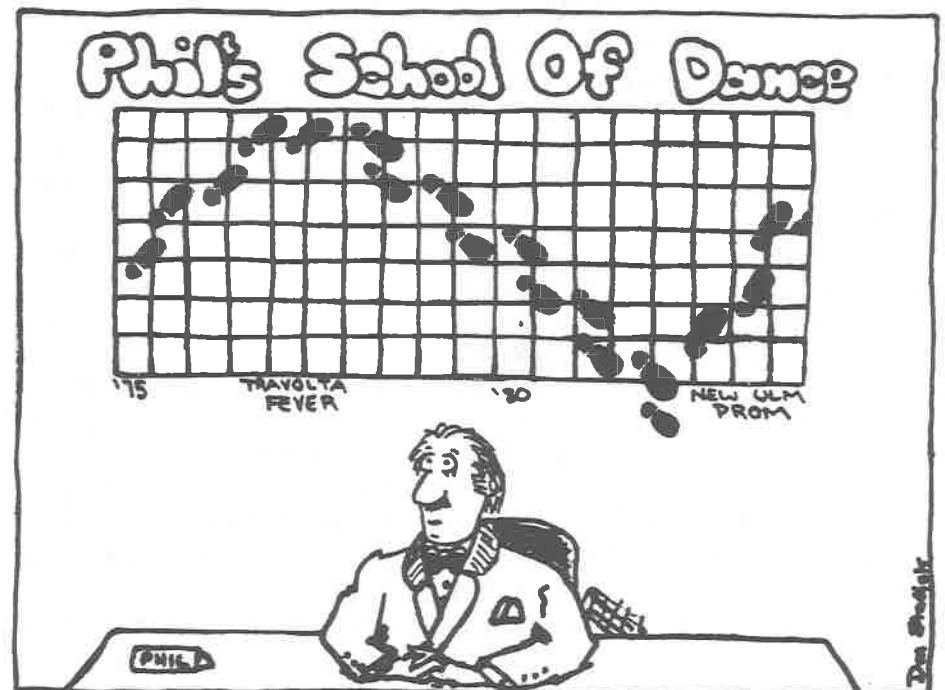
Much practice is needed to achieve this rating. On the average the band students who participated practiced about eight hours in preparation for

the contest. Choir students began rehearsal a few weeks before the contest. Music directors Steve Pederson and Curt Iverson helped the students select and prepare their performances. Both band and choir members stuck mainly to classic or program music instead of popular music. Pederson and Iverson were "proud by how our students handled themselves."

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Over all, the students who participated in the contest agreed that the experience was good. Junior Carolyn Altmann said, "The contest has given me a chance to develop my voice and it builds confidence." For senior Donna Saltzmann the contest produced a "sense of competition, different from anything else." And senior Jeanie Brand admitted that her participation in the contest was a good experience because it allowed her a chance to work in a group without teachers.

For their efforts, the students returned from the contest with an unusually high number of superior star rankings marking the end of another year of hard work.



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Donnelly's Duck Blind



by Mike Donnelly
Graphos Reporter

Now that the warm winds and sunny days of spring are finally here, attention is focused on spring and summer sports. Whether one is a casual or serious athlete, spectator or reporter really doesn't matter — these sports are certainly enjoyable for all.

Baseball, our national pastime, is definitely big in New Ulm. Our high school, VFW, Legion, amateur, and youth league teams have rolled up impressive records over the years. Intra-city leagues have been popular too. Any weekday during the summer one can watch a T-ball or baseball game at Harman Park.

I do have one valuable piece of advice for all young parents or those of you who plan to be parents someday — teach your child the game while he is young and work him hard. Teach the little kid to hit the cut-off man, not to go for low, inside pitches, and how to steal the opposing coach's signs. You may think I'm crazy, but I'm not; professional baseball players (except for the Minnesota Twins) make megabucks. The average New York Yankee pulls down well over \$300,000 for a 6-month season. So when you are retired and receiving about \$50 a month from our ill-fated Social Security System, I'll have a condominium in a retirement complex somewhere in Florida because my son is on George Steinbrenner's payroll.

Softball is another sport in which we are building a tradition. The girls went to the state tournament last year. I commend the NUHS girls and their coach Jim Pearson for their hard work and dedication. The kind of softball our girls play is fast-paced and exciting.

Track has always struck me as sort of an odd sport. I mean — who would just run for the sake of running? Actually, there is a lot more to track than just running. There are long-jumpers, high jumpers, and pole vaulters, all of whom take part in events that involve hurling one's body through the air. These events are for the person whose secret fantasy is to be able to fly.

There are sprinters, who are usually short, skinny, and full of nervous energy. Then there are the distance people. I figure that they must be masochists. Who else could derive pleasure from the agony and discomfort of endless running. Their idea of a good time is to bang their heads against a wall. Finally, we have the weight men. These are the fat pigs who are either too lazy or too smart to run. They throw the discus and/or the shot. This is fine, but what purpose does society have for a person who can throw a 12 pound metal ball or a rubber disc further than anyone else?

Now golf is a game with a practical purpose. Really — it is vital to see who can hit that little white (or nowadays, yellow, green, or even orange) ball into that little cup. Tremendously important. All kidding aside, golf is a great sport. However, the part of golf I probably enjoy the most is other golfers. My favorite is watching older ladies golf. Humorous! Some of those swings are so cockeyed! You don't even see anything that funky on "Dance Fever." The way some of these ladies move their hips would put Elvis to shame.

Another thing I love about golf is the clothing that the participants dare to wear. Show them a pair of lemon-yellow, double knit, flared, polyester pants with a lime-green sweater in a department store and they will cringe — but out on the links, such attire is, if you'll excuse the pun, "par for the course." If you thought Punk Day was bad, perhaps you should visit the New Ulm Country Club on a normal day. And you thought the aliens on "Star Trek" dressed weird.

Of course, I've saved the best for last and, of course, the best is tennis. But tennis players are different too. They're lazy. They never have to run; all they do is hit a ball with those Prince racquets that look like oversized ping-pong paddles. And they're always saying "love." But another piece of advice to the young parent. If you desire retirement living in the sun, check out your duffer's forehand and backhand. Tennis also has the big bucks. It is estimated that John McEnroe makes over \$5 million a year. Unreal.

This just about concludes the last ever "Donnelly's Duckblind." (For those of you interested in the origin of the name, I have never hunted a day in my life. "Duckblind" was the only sports term I could think of that began with the letter "d," so I picked it for the title of my column. You'd better remember that, as it could be a trivia question someday.) I know my column has a great many fans and even disciples, and I'm sure they are disappointed in seeing me go. Because this is my last column, I'd like to roll some credits. Thanks to Graphos advisor Ed Weber, and a special thanks to my father, Lisa Kassuelke, and anyone else who has typed my articles. (This article was typed by Lisa Kassuelke.)

Golfers swing for success

by Scott Walston
Graphos Reporter

The boys and girls golf teams at New Ulm Senior High are a contrast in one big aspect, experience. The boys team has almost all their top people returning; whereas the girls lost four of their six top players to graduation and will be doing some rebuilding.

Leading the boys team this year will be sophomore Troy Rockvam and senior Matt Stroud. These two shared the duties as the number one or two man last year averaging in the low 40's for nine holes. According to Coach Dick Werdahl, Rockvam has great potential, and if he matures could someday become one of the best golfers New Ulm High School has ever had. Playing a lot of golf last summer with the others on the team has helped him improve.

Stroud, on the other hand, has improved greatly since his sophomore year and should be battling with

Rockvam for top honors. Two other seniors, John Schuetzle and Mark Stolte, will also find themselves in the race for a spot in the lineup says Werdahl. Grant Kruckeberg, a sophomore who played anywhere from number three to number five man on last year's team, should be playing somewhere in that spot again this year. Junior Dan Reinhart and sophomore Mike Marquardt are also contending for a spot on the starting six and will see some action. Werdahl thinks he has a competitive team that should do better than last year because of their experience.

Because of the graduation of four good golfers, the girls are hurting. Mo Kelly, Beth Norman, Laura Anfang, and Katie Roberts are gone, but the team could be tough if the younger members come through as Coach Lowell Liedman hopes they will.

The Eagles, who had an incredible record of 13-0-1 last year, will be led by only two returning letterwinner members, Sue Blackstad and Lynn Wirebaugh. These two should be the top players and team leaders. Jill Radke and Cindy Spoon, a couple of last year's B squaders, will probably move up into the lineup to replace the graduated seniors.

After these four, inexperience sets in and could be the downfall of this year's team. Kayla Spoon and Eva Roloff will be trying to fill out the lineup, but both are inexperienced. They'll have to get better as the season progresses. Beth Ahlstrand could possibly move into the lineup. She shows a lot of golfing potential. Reserves Kay Berkner and Ann Haseman round out the team. This year's girls team could be promising if the younger players come through. The future, however, looks very promising.

New Ulm will host the South Central Conference meet for both boys and girls as well as the Region 2AA boys meet for the second straight year at the end of the season.



Senior Matt Stroud is hitting balls on the practice range of the N.U. Country Club.

Pitching leads softballers

by Scott Kastman
Graphos Reporter

What do you get when you add strong hitting and strong pitching together with a good team effort? Success. And that is what the girls' softball team has put together so far this spring.

Boosted by the strong pitching of Audrie Webster and a team batting average of .407, the team has a record of 6-0 in the conference and 6-1 overall. Webster, a senior, has an overall record of 4-1 with an ERA of 1.08 and an excellent 25 strike outs in 26 innings. She also pitched her first no hitter this year a 16-0 romp over St. James. Romp seems to be the big word this spring, for the Eagles have won their games fairly easily, including a 44-0 blowout of Fairmont.

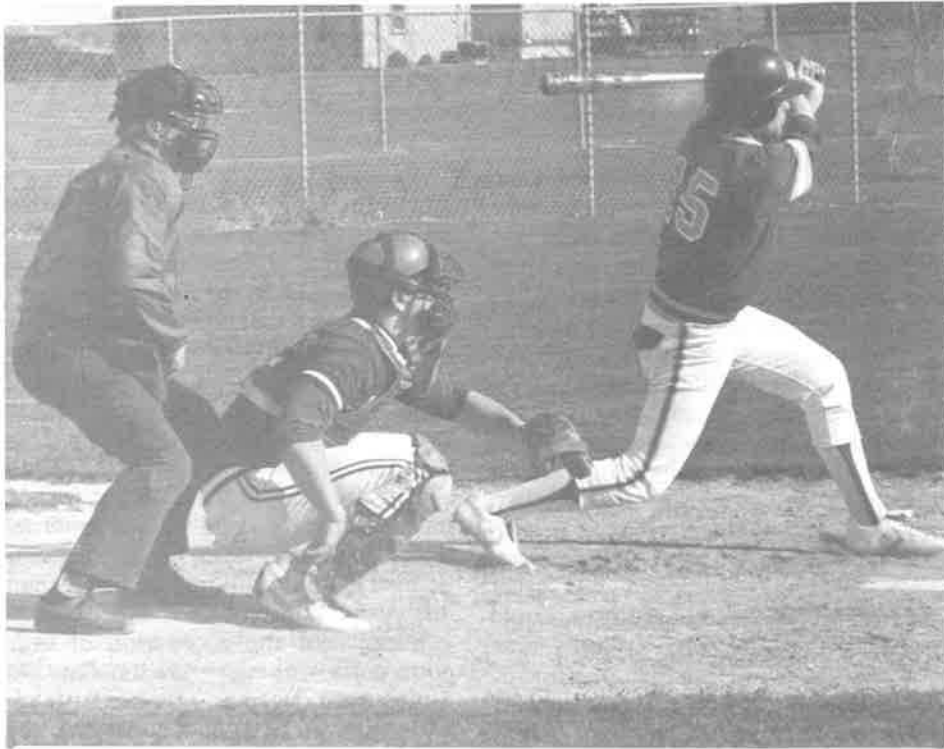
Offensively the team is strong. They do not rely on one or two girls for their offensive punch. The batting leaders so far this season are Shelly Bode, who is hitting a hefty .545 followed by Lori Roloff at .526, Sandy Portner at .500, Patty Bushard at .450, and Tracy Steinbach and Wendy Zimmerman at .417 each. Coach Jim Pearson says the team can take the South Central Conference if they can handle their two

toughest competitors, Blue Earth and St. Peter. Pearson, who took his team to the state tournament last year, isn't sure if he will repeat because of the team's youth. Two sophomores, Amy Olsen and Cyndy Portner, are starters. The other sophomore, Patty Bushard, is the designated hitter.

The captains of the team are Tracy Steinbach and Sandy Portner. The other two seniors, Audrie Webster and Wendy Zimmerman, also add leadership to the team. The juniors on the team include Denise Kamm, Ellen Kitzberger, Nettie Sawatzky, and Michelle Reiger who contribute to the team effort.

When asked how the girls will do this season, captain Sandy Portner said, "We will do as good as last year" and that "we are pulling together well after losing seven seniors last year." Senior Wendy Zimmerman says, "Our biggest goal is to go to state and win the first game especially after losing the first in state last year."

If the girls keep playing up to their ability, it is a definite possibility for them to go back to the state tournament.



Senior Mike Shavlik gets a good cut during New Ulm's win against Fairmont.

Eagle baseball team continues NU tradition

by Kris Moelter
Graphos Reporter

Traditionally, New Ulm has been a community known for its strong baseball teams. Teams at the Little League, high school, bi-county, and town team levels have usually been competitive with the best in the state. The 1982-83 Eagle baseball team is no exception.

As of this writing, the team's record is 5-2 overall, and 4-2 in the SCC. According to Coach Jim Senske, the lack of outside practice has hurt the team. However, Senske anticipates that "we'll play the kind of baseball we're capable of when we get more outside practice time."

The Eagles strongest part of the game is their hitting. Senske believes that the hitting will "either carry us or beat us." As of this writing, the Eagles are batting .269 as a team, but the hitting is expected to improve as the Eagles get outside. Also, outfielder Bryce Boelter feels that the hitting will come around once New Ulm starts getting the breaks to go their way. "We're hitting the ball hard, but it's not falling," said Boelter.

This year's team possesses a strong defensive line-up. "Our defense is stronger than it was last year," said Senske. In his opinion, the Eagles' defense has done a good job, especially the left side of the field where Scott Schmidt at shortstop and Vaughn Haber at third base have played well.

The major area in which the Eagles seem to be lacking is pitching. Eagle pitchers have issued approximately one walk per inning. Again, Senske looks for improvement in the pitching as the season develops. "We don't have an indoor mound, so once they get used to throwing off the mound, they'll get better." Another reason for the lack of pitching is that Mike Shavlik is the only one of four pitchers who saw varsity action last year, and he pitched in only two games. According to Senske, the Eagles do not have "the pitcher who can start and finish a game," however, he believes that when the inexperienced

Eagles' pitching staff learns to throw strikes, they will be "respectable."

Another area in which the Eagles are not strong is speed. This season they do not possess the quickness on the base paths that they have in some previous years. However, Senske says that Scott Fenske, Dave Wilner, Paul Wesselman, and Steve Janni all have good speed, and are base-stealing threats.

At the beginning of the season, the Eagles set two team goals: win the SCC and the sub-region. Both coaches and players alike believe that the Eagles are good enough to reach these goals. New Ulm has a good chance to win the conference, but as Steve Gleisner stated, "The conference is stronger now than it has been in the past five years." Senske says that the SCC champion could have three or four conference losses because of the conference's balance.

The most important goal, however, is to win the sub-region. New Ulm has not won the sub-region title for the past two years. Senske claims that the team "has a good chance" to win the sub-region, but warns that Marshall and Worthington are usually contenders for the Southwest conference championship and should have strong teams. And Fairmont will field a competitive team again. Senske, Boelter, and Gleisner agreed that winning the sub-region was the most important goal. Doing well in the regions (if they make it that far) would be nice, but Senske, Boelter, and Gleisner echoed, "anything beyond the sub-region would be gravy."

Tradition has always been a strong part of New Ulm baseball. The strong baseball tradition in New Ulm has put some pressure on both the team and the coaching staff to do well; however, Gleisner and Boelter believe that the pressure comes mainly from the players themselves. "We want to live up to the standards of New Ulm baseball," stated Boelter. All the Eagles this writer talked to believe that this Eagles baseball team, like those in the past, will continue New Ulm's winning baseball tradition.

Track teams are well rounded

by Katie Gag
Graphos Reporter

Track is not just a sport in which an athlete warms up, jogs a lap or two around the track, and then cools down. The conditioning involves a lot of running but also includes jumping rope, running stairs, and lifting weights. The running is split into different categories. There are distance runners, middle distance, sprinters, and hurdlers. The boys best distance runner is Dan Sheehan. "We look pretty strong," Dan comments about the team's performance so far. "The meets we have here are quite different from what I was used to back in Kansas." Since the towns are so far apart, all meets were invitationals with many good teams from all over the area competing. In Minnesota the towns are close enough so that dual meets make up most of the season.

Besides distance events, which consist of mile and 2 mile competition, there are the middle distance and sprint events. Lisa Block on the girls team is a top competitor in the 400, 800, and 1600 meter relay. She has been to the region the past 3 years and will probably qualify this year.

Sprinters, those people running the 100 and 200 meter events and some people who run the 400 meter events, must be able to get off the starting blocks quickly. Starting blocks are sort of like foot rests for the runner's feet as he is balancing on his hands and feet at the beginning of the race. Runners push off the blocks to get them going. A race can be lost because of a slow start off the blocks.

People like senior Scott Walden find them necessary for getting a good time. The blocks can slip out from under a runner as they did for him at the Redwood Falls Invitational. Scott's brother Dan is an assistant coach this year specializing in sprints and the long jump. Scott has mixed feelings about

this situation because he's occasionally suggested to workout on the weekend.

In addition to the running events there are also hurdle events. Senior Chris Schmitz and freshman Kristen Bowar are the girls' top competitors. Bowar is doing well for the varsity. Coach Ev Steffel thinks "she'll be even better as she gets older and stronger."

Dean Runck is the boys' best hurdler and also one of the teams best high jumpers. He and junior Kevin Ruckert have already cleared 6 feet this year. "The weather has kept us from practicing outside enough but that should improve soon and we should do well this year," Runck says. Head coach Jim Malcolm feels the high jump is the teams best event. "So far the weather really has made a difference in performance all over. Hopefully we will get better as the season continues," commented Malcolm. "All the area teams have the same trouble with the weather so no one really has an advantage. The SCC title is a wide-open race and we've got just as good a chance as anybody else."

After graduating 17 seniors last year this year's boys' team is rebuilding with only six seniors and only six returning letter winners. The girls team is rather young too with 18 freshmen on the team. "We're well rounded this year," says assistant coach Patty Braulick. "The field events are strong and we have a lot of team depth."

Pam Bloedel and Wendy Nelson throw the discuss and put the shot for the girls, and both are looking good this year. Coach Steffel thinks they should do well in the conference. She also sees hopes in Karin Olson, one of the team's high jumpers and sprinters. Laurie Johnson is another good jumper for girls and has tied the school record with a jump of 5'1".

Coach Steffel enjoys coaching and says this about the team: "We've got a super bunch of kids to work with...I couldn't ask for a nicer bunch...real workers."



Senior Chris Schmitz is a top competitor in the hurdles.