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Intriguing people inhabit NUHS

by Lanae Larson
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What makes a person intriguing? An "intriguing" person is someone who stirs people's interest, makes them curious, or simply fascinates them. In case you didn't know, there are a lot of intriguing people attending NUHS.

Angela Christle, a senior, worked at Camp Courage last summer. Christle said that she had an enjoyable time and a wonderful growth experience working with the handicapped.

Jamie Franta is a body builder who's been training for weight lifting competition. The senior will be heading to the cities in July to compete for the title of "Teenage Mr. Minnesota."

Junior **Josh Crabtree** is intriguing because of his "All-American Boy" image. Besides being an all-around, nice kind of guy, Crabtree is active in sports, musical activities, student council, and numerous other organizations. Even though he's busy, Crabtree, who is an honor student, finds time to coach Saturday morning basketball.

Tom Seitz, a junior, has rented 160 acres of farmland for the past two years. Besides being a farmer, Seitz has been active in several student organizations, such as FFA, PIP, and STABLE. He's also a member of People Reaching Out (PRO).

Paul Fischer is another senior who has a full schedule. He tutors at Jefferson Elementary and is involved in many extra-curricular activities such as band, choir and cross country. He is a fourth-year Spanish student and, to top it all off, delivers papers every morning.

Lisa Gruber is, in a way, like

Fischer. No, these two seniors don't look or sound alike, but both Gruber and Fischer carry a full academic schedule. Gruber is taking two social classes and two English classes this semester. With this heavy schedule, Gruber still remains a positive, energetic, intriguing person.

Mira Amir is our foreign exchange student from Indonesia. Amir is intriguing simply because of her culture and background. She seems to be

academically interested in her American studies and our American life style.

Annette Wachter, our Rotary exchange student from West Germany, hit the list because someone was intrigued by her assertiveness. "I always enjoy assertive women," a teacher said.

All of this year's foreign exchange students are bilingual, but two other NUHS students are also bilingual. Ar-

turo Arevalo and **Raul De La Cruz** speak fluent Spanish and English. Both Arevalo and De La Cruz have Mexican backgrounds, but have become Americanized.

These ten students have caught our attention. They've fascinated us, stirred our interest, and made us curious. To sum it up, they've "intrigued" us. In other words, they, along with many other students attending NUHS are intriguing people.



The following intriguing students walk the halls of NUHS every day: front row, left to right, Mira Amir, Lisa Gruber, Arturo Arevalo, and Raul De La Cruz; back row, left to right, Tom Seitz, Annette Wachter, Jamie Franta, Josh Crabtree, and Paul Fischer. Not pictured, Angela Christle.

Eating disorders touch students



Jean Laurent spoke to students and faculty about the dangers of eating disorders.

by Kim Bowar
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"Ninety percent of all people with eating disorders are women."

In the past several years we have begun to hear more and more about people with eating disorders. Many of us have friends or know someone with an eating disorder. Maybe some of us have a problem ourselves. Ninety percent of all people with eating disorders are women. Twenty percent, and possibly more, of all college women suffer from an eating disorder.

These are startling figures. It is frightening to think about, but it is not something we can run away from and no one is immune. As the number of people affected increases, a need for

education about the subject and more public awareness are evident.

With these needs in mind, Jean Laurent was invited to speak to students in the junior and senior high schools. Laurent works at the Golden Valley Health Center in the Twin Cities. Her job involves traveling to different locations to educate the public on eating disorders.

Laurent outlined the emphasis on weight and body images over the past century. She pointed out the media's influence on society and what it projects as desirable. She feels today's models and actresses present an almost unattainable ideal that pushes many to eating disorders in their drive for this perfection.

Eating disorders are placed in three categories: Anorexia Nervosa, Bulimia Nervosa, and Compulsive Overeating. Anorexia is the most visible and life-threatening of the three. There is a drastic reduction in body weight. The person's thinking becomes obsessive and one develops a distorted body image. These types are often compared to World War II concentration camp victims because of their similarity in rituals, obsessions, and "crazy" thinking. Dry hair, skin and nails, muscle deterioration and severe heart problems are some of the side-effects of this disease. There is also a danger of osteoporosis.

Bulimia, on the other hand, is most difficult to spot. The person will most likely be of normal weight. She will tend to abuse laxatives, exercise furiously, and go on strict diets or eating binges during which she will consume huge amounts of food and then vomit, starve, or take laxatives. The behavior becomes a vicious cycle. This bingeing and purging can lead to a ruptured esophagus, internal bleeding, severe dental erosion, and heart problems.

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Compulsive overeating involves a lack of control over food. This disorder is made more stressful by society's rejection of overweight people, who are hidden from society. They are never seen on television or featured in magazines. This rejection only increases their feelings of shame and guilt. Heart disease is a major threat to these people.

Laurent told of her own experience with eating disorders. She knows recovery is certainly not easy but help can be found. She gave her telephone number and strongly recommended talking to one of our counselors, a trusted adult, or a friend in getting help.

editorial

Honesty, trust lacking



by Jennifer Freiheit
Graphos Editor

Webster's Dictionary states the definition of HONEST as "showing fairness and sincerity; respectable, that will not lie, cheat, or steal." TRUST is defined as "firm belief or confidence in the honesty, integrity, reliability, etc. of another person." These two words may actually be the most important in our society.

Honesty and trust come into play in varying degrees, from our personal lives to our social and public lives. A recent example of mistrust occurred in my life. Being a Chem. II student, I felt secure in leaving my Def Leppard and Guns-N-Roses tapes in the Chemistry room for others to use. As I later realized, my tapes had mysteriously disappeared and were never to be seen again. The issue was not that I'd have to buy new tapes, but that my trust of others had been violated.

This is a typical scenario of students which an adult sees, yet does not fully understand. Because of our age, certain assumptions are made. Why do

you think we have green passes, blue passes and every other color of passes?? Just so teachers have to sign a hundred per day? Not really. It's so that we are made to be honest and trustworthy.

Everyone needs honesty and trust in their lives. Being honest to oneself and being honest about your feelings around others can make life easier and better. As you might have guessed, the experience with the tapes made me mad.

Is our society an advocate of being honest? Do we have a value system today? Are we letting society as a whole pressure individuals into doing the "wrong thing"? You realize that honesty and truth, or the lack of it, is not only in school but also in the real world. We are trusted with driving the speed limit, but does everyone? Growing numbers show that shoplifting has become a major concern in our country. There is cheating in all levels of education. The corporate business world regularly experiences dishonest deals. Politics — its history and reputation of dishonesty go hand in hand. Even good Americans doctor their taxes for the best possible returns.

Another issue soon comes to light. Should one person's word be taken over another's? What if one person has a better reputation for honesty? Many of these questions make me wonder if there is good in our society.

Admitting you have done something dishonest is the hard part, but never coming forward can be the hardest part of all.

All I want in the future is to believe in the words HONEST and TRUST again!

Referendum brings back 3Rs

by Brad Heilman
Graphos Reporter

On the morning after the defeat of a six mill Levy Referendum that would have continued funding quality education and varied extracurricular offerings, there were varying expressions on people's faces.

Those who voted against the referendum were content. They were satisfied knowing that they would not have to pay added property taxes next year.

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Others, however, were depressed. They had been hoping that the referendum would enable some activities and numerous elective courses to be continued.

Just what were the reactions around NUHS?

"I was surprised, here in school, by how little the students reacted. It was late the next day that anybody really started to talk about it," math teacher Wayne Luepke commented. Luepke, the president of the New Ulm Education Association, the local teachers organization, said he thought that students "were numb" for a while after the vote. As for his reaction, Luepke explained, "My own reaction was that I was not surprised at all by its defeat."

The majority of students were obviously very disappointed. In a random survey of 18 NUHS students, 100% expressed some disappointment. Seniors, however, tended to be less concerned about the whole ordeal. As Ken DeLeo said, "Next year I'll be out of here anyway."

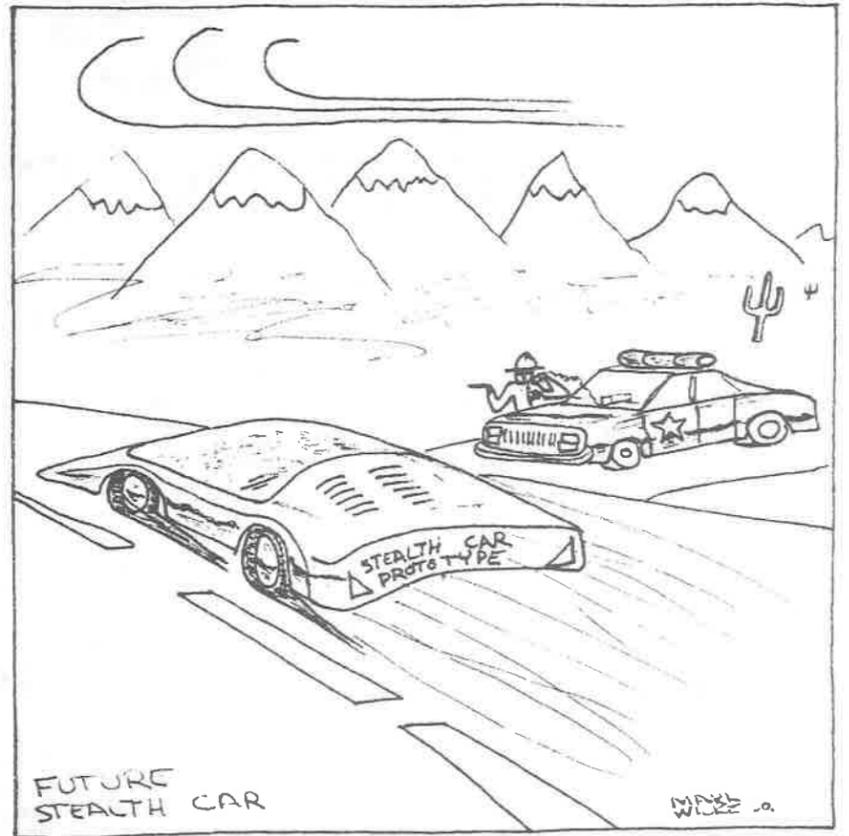
Just what activities are going to be cut is still a big question. A probable list could include the Student Council, withdrawal from the Viking Cooperative Center in Hanska, and the end of Drama Club. The Academic Decathlon has already been cut. Some athletic programs will no doubt be cut.

"Next year I'll be out of here anyway."

Music could also be cut. Allan Hawkins, NUHS Choral Music Director, said, "I was very disappointed, but not surprised; New Ulm has a history of failing in these kinds of things." Hawkins thought that probably many who had voted against the referendum were not well-informed.

More cuts may take place in the classroom. College preparatory courses, such as science and foreign language, are possibilities.

Meanwhile, residents of the school



Colin Meier, Jenni Starz, and Dan Juni survey New Ulm voters.

AP students survey local residents

by Mike O'Connor
Graphos Reporter

New Ulm voters are like the rest of the voters in the U.S. this year. That conclusion resulted from a poll taken by the 12th grade A.P. social studies class. The poll was a class project directed by instructor Lowell Liedman.

Students called citizens in New Ulm, Hanska, and Lafayette. To prevent calling the same people, each student was given a letter in the alphabet. They then called until five people answered their prepared questions. Most people were cooperative; however, Colin Meier had to call 13 people before five people answered his questions, and Dan Juni had to make 12 calls before he had five responses.

People were asked who they were go-

ing to vote for in the presidential election. Fifty-one percent favored George Bush and 38 percent liked Michael Dukakis. Eleven percent were undecided.

When asked who they were going to vote for in the senatorial race, 60 percent were for Dave Durenberger, 30 percent for Hubert Humphrey, and 10 percent were undecided.

Regarding the 2nd District congressional race, 61 percent said they were going to vote for Vin Weber and 30 percent expressed support for Doug Peterson. Nine percent were undecided.

This poll clearly indicated that Bush, Durenberger, and Weber were the favored candidates this year, and the elections on Tuesday, November 8, reaffirmed the students' polling results.

district are divided between those who supported and those who voted against the referendum. Some of these individuals included patrons of Cathedral or MVL or senior citizens.

No matter what, though, the cuts will be made, and the voters will continue to disagree. As for us students, one NUHS student said, "It will be like going back to the three R's."

Students gain on the job experience

by Josh Crabtree
Graphos Reporter

Life is filled with four letter words and "work" is one of them. But let's face it, 99% of us will be using that word for the next 40 to 45 years.

Many young men and women don't know what they will be doing after they finish high school. They haven't decided what kind of work or occupation they would like to pursue.

A program at NUHS is designed to help students make that decision. Seniors who would like to see the working world first-hand can take part in it. It's called the Student Work Program, which gives young adults a chance to get hands-on experience before they go to college or vocational school.

"This program gives you a chance to work at a job and see what it takes to keep a job."

Selected seniors are placed in various businesses around New Ulm and work half of the day and go to school the other half. In school they take the required English and social studies courses and one or two electives. The other part of their day lasts from 8-12 or 1-5. Those who participate in this program say it is a very worthwhile experience.

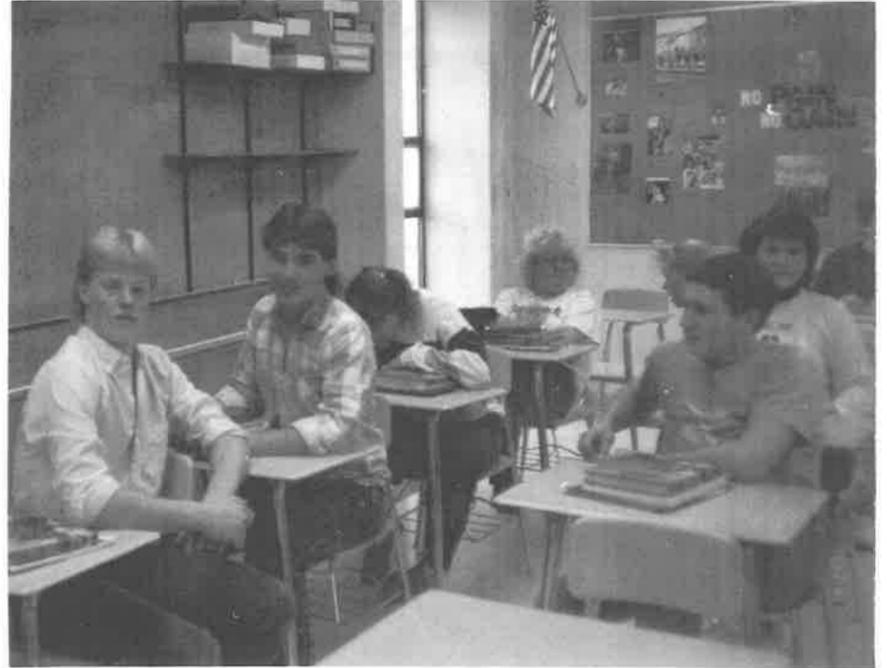
Jim Forst is one of the students who has a job through the Student Work Program. He works afternoons at Potter's Implement. "Since I live on a farm, I was interested in a farm related industry," commented Forst.

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There are many experiences a student can gain from this program. According to Forst, "This program gives you a chance to work at a job and see what it takes to keep a job."

People who have gone through this program have been helped in other ways. "It builds confidence in a person and helps communication skills as well," added Forst. "It helps you decide if you would ever like to own and run a business." It is not only a way of finding out what you want to do but a way of finding out what you don't want.

The work program may not be right for every student, but for some it is a positive experience. After all, the real growth that students gain over a period of time does not always come from a book but often comes from the experience they gain in work.



What? Our papers are due today? You have to be kidding!

A @#!\$ day

by Heather Newburg
Graphos Reporter

It's Monday morning, 7:00 a.m. You've just rolled over to hit your snooze button, but you missed and hit your "off" button instead. Luckily you open your eyes at 8:00, realizing you are running a bit late. You jump out of bed and bound into the shower, only to discover an empty shampoo bottle. However, no time can be wasted so you comb through the snarls in your hair, grab a banana, and take off out the driveway, down Garden Street. It's amazing how pokey the person in front of you is, only 40 miles an hour!

"You are now muttering the famous Chem II motto, '@#!\$, @#!\$, @#!\$...'"

You finally make it to school just as the final bell rings and run directly to the band room; Cameron Anderson decided to stand at the door today and mark tardies! A great morning so far.

The wonderful day isn't over. You walk into 2nd hour Chem II, only to discover that someone has taken your Guns 'n' Roses tape. Terrific. You decide to finish your two-day experiment. Everything is going fine until Wes Podolske tells you that what you have just spent the last 15 minutes on was to be done in 30 seconds. You are now muttering the famous Chem II motto, "@#!\$, @#!\$, @#!\$" while Podolske is chuckling in the background. Just as you begin the experiment again, the bell rings and you can't stop now. Fabulous. You are behind schedule once again as you trip up the steps. Comments fly, making everyone laugh, except you.

Red-faced and a minute late, you enter the zone of American Government. What? Our papers are due today? "But you only gave us two months to work on them," you say as you try to think of a topic. Finally the lunch bell rings and you take off running down to the cafeteria. Good, no teachers. You sneak in line, thinking it's safe, but Arlene Stewert sends you to the back of the mile-long line.

Before you know it, however, you have your tray in hand and are ready to make your decision. It's not difficult. You are allergic to soybeans so all you can have is the salad. After the second bite the bell rings and it's time to begin the long afternoon.

It's beginning to look like YOU created Murphy's law. Jim Malcolm is lecturing the class on their behavior, comparing it to his obedient African students. Hey, you aren't from Africa. Time to see the results of Friday's quiz, the one that was sooooo easy. He hands you a paper. Yeah, an "A"; but, hey, wait, it's not your paper. Malcolm takes the one on your desk and replaces it with one that has a "D" on it. What more could possibly go wrong?

It's now a three-minute break between classes. You open your locker and hear this tinkering on the floor as a thousand bottle caps fall out. Why is LaPatka always around when you don't want him to be? Well, after a nice discussion with the disciplinary principal, you wander into Carol Ackerson's AP English class. You have just handed in the 10-page term paper when she hands you five new books, four of which are to be read by Christmas. (The thinnest one is only 300 pages long.) Yes, AP English is your life.

"Why is LaPatka always around when you don't want him to be?"

No, the last bell has rung! You are free! Seventh hour study time is a blessing. As you dig for your keys, you discover they are not in your pocket. You go to your car; after tearing away the toilet paper, you discover them hanging in the ignition. What more could possibly go wrong? It's now 3:01 and school is done. There you stand, humiliated beyond belief. Eventually, you get the car unlocked. This has been one of the worst days of your life. But, hey, you only have four days to go before the weekend. Being a student at NUHS can really "try men's souls."

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Student employee Tricia Manderfeld avoids the hassles of the world of work.

Students like time off for conferences

by Shannon Johnson
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Parent-teacher conferences. These three words can mean totally opposite things for different students. For some they can be a dreaded time while others look upon the conferences with anticipation.

Teachers spend a lot of time getting ready for parent-teacher conferences. Most students don't realize the hours of preparation that are necessary. They are just glad to get off for a day of school.

The average NUHS student doesn't really care about conferences. As one student said, "Parent-teacher conferences are just something we've always had, and something we always will have." Another student said, "Our parents are going to find out what our grades are anyway, so it doesn't really matter how they get them."

There are a few students who just dread conferences. They are the ones who are extremely nice and helpful to

their parents before conferences because they are afraid of what their teacher will say about them. They also try not to be home when their parents get back from conferences because they already know what their grades are going to be.

Some students look forward to parent-teacher conferences, and not just because they get out of school. These are usually students who are proud of their grades. They expect compliments from their teachers and parents and want to hear what their teachers tell their parents.

One student criticized the way parent-teacher conferences were set up. "Our parents should meet with every teacher we have because each teacher has a different opinion of you." Another student thinks that conferences should take place more often during the year.

As expected, NUHS students have different opinions on parent-teacher conferences. There is one thing, however, that every student agrees on. The best thing about the conferences is the time off from attending classes.

people

Malcolm shares varied background



Math teacher Jim Malcolm instructs geometry students.

by Andrea Pieser
Graphos Editor

"Kids face pressures much greater today in school than in the past."

From Red Bird, Kentucky, which is just a stone's throw from Hell For Certain, KY, it's a long way to New Ulm, Minnesota. Jim Malcolm has traveled to these places and more during his career in education. In addition to Red Bird High School, Malcolm has taught in Truman, Fairmont, Byron, and New Ulm, Minnesota, and Sierra Leone, North Africa.

Although Malcolm has taught in diverse areas, he has enjoyed everywhere he has taught and thinks each city is unique. Malcolm has no one "favorite" place, but he is most comfortable in New Ulm.

When asked why he chose math as a major, Malcom replied that it was due to his high school experience. Math was a subject that came easy to him, but he had the help of excellent math teachers. Good role models and mentors assisted in his final career decision.

For many students math is a difficult topic to comprehend. Malcolm believes that many students develop a type of math anxiety at an early age. It is not a real fear but occurs because of a past experience in junior high or elementary school math. After this, students tend to avoid math. Another reason students may experience problems is a genuine lack of aptitude.

Teaching math for 25 years shows a true dedication to education. In the time Malcolm has been teaching, he has seen many changes. On the positive side, there are many more opportunities today for students than there

were available 25 years ago. He has also noticed that the general rules and discipline are less rigorous. In contrast, "Kids face pressures much greater today in school than in the past. So many students work, that there seems to be less time for school. School then receives lower priority."

Many activities keep Malcolm busy, including serving as a member of many education related committees. Malcolm is chairman of the North Central Steering Committee, acts as the representative from the Senior High on the Development Committee for District #88, and assists the Minnesota Education Effectiveness Program leadership program.

His interests vary greatly outside of the classroom. Working with academic extracurricular activities, Malcolm coaches the Math Team at NUHS. This fall he was the ninth grade football coach and served his 25th year as a track coach. The advisor to the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, he takes part in many church activities, including singing in the church choir.

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Of course, no portrait of Malcolm would be complete without at least one story of his African experience. One day during an Advanced Algebra class, Malcolm and his students heard a loud pounding. When they looked outside, there were two enormous vultures stomping on the roof. He sent a student outside to throw rocks at the birds, to make them stop. Not exactly a typical day in New Ulm...

AFS Weekend creates international friendships

by Jen Nagel
Graphos Reporter

New Ulm played host to 35 foreign exchange students from around southern Minnesota over an extended four-day Halloween weekend. Students from New Ulm Public as well as Cathedral High School served as host brothers and sisters, organizer, and participants in the weekend. AFS and other exchange programs sponsor international weekends for their foreign students and American friends to come together for an exciting time of meeting new people and sharing experiences.

The students gathering from such countries as Spain, Liberia, and Japan had not experienced Halloween before. Although slightly muffled, their excitement was like that of little kids. Many of the weekend's events included the approaching tradition of "tricks or treats."

Students from the area spent Thursday afternoon and evening getting to know their host families and attending a pot luck supper for everyone involved with AFS. Families had the chance to learn about the lifestyles in many of the foreign countries when the exchange students answered questions about their countries' popular music, religion, junkfood, and native languages. Many of the students also

brought along pictures of their families to show to their host families.

The first half of the day on Friday was spent in classes with the host brothers and sisters. During the afternoon the exchange students had time to be with the other foreign students just talking and having fun. To get into the spirit of Halloween, everyone carved pumpkins.

AFS club members, families, and the foreign students spent a portion of Friday night swimming, ice skating, playing racquetball and wallyball, watching movies, and snacking at the Vogel Arena lock-in. Ice skating was new for many of the students. The international sports like basketball, volleyball, and soccer were played on Saturday afternoon.

The Halloween spirit came out as the group gathered Saturday evening for a costume party and dance. Prior to the dance many kids had already made a stop at the haunted house and came to the dance with costumes and plenty of enthusiasm.

Sunday afternoon and the good-byes came too soon for many. Although saying good-bye was hard, nearly all of the people involved said they had a great time. Many of the exchange students thought that Halloween weekend was one of the best times that they had had since coming to the United States.



Students from around the world gather for a Halloween bash.

Upcoming events...

by Jen Lomax
Graphos Reporter

Old man winter has once again appeared at our doorstep, but before you decide to hibernate for the winter let's take a look at upcoming events.

For those of you who enjoy singing, there is a great opportunity to hear the various choirs perform. The Senior High Music Department will present a vocal concert on Sunday, December 11, at 7:00 p.m., in the Junior High Auditorium. The concert will be a holiday festival of song including several selections of songs everybody knows and loves. The concert is free to the public.

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All winter sports — gymnastics, wrestling, hockey, and boys' and girls' basketball — have started practice. The schedules for all of these sporting events are posted in many classrooms on the Eagles posters. If you are unable to find a schedule, just find the players involved in one of these activities. They would be happy to inform a fan of when and where they compete.

"Christmas vacation this year begins Friday, December 23, and ends on Tuesday, January 3, when classes resume."

One event every student looks forward to is Christmas vacation, a time when one can forget about school for awhile and relax. Christmas vacation this year begins Friday, December 23, and ends on Tuesday, January 3, when classes resume.



Lead singer Adam Gislason gives the camera a smile.

Broken Toyz ROCK

by Cathy Blomquist
Graphos Reporter

For most young kids today, music is an important part of their lives. They listen to music because they enjoy it or simply want to relax. But for five area high school students, music is not only a form of relaxation but also a way for them to express their thoughts and ideas. Adam Gislason, Paul Peterson, Tim Wendinger, Joel Gustad, and Ben Schladweiler are members of an area band called Broken Toyz. Three of the band members are from New Ulm High School: Gislason, lead vocals; Peterson, guitar; and Wendinger, drums/percussion. Gustad, the lead guitarist, and Schladweiler, the bass guitarist, attend Cathedral High School. Although the five band members do not attend the same school, they find plenty of time to practice.

The band got together three years ago and originally consisted of only three members. The first three members were Gislason, Gustad, and Schladweiler. Last summer they acquired two new members, Peterson and Wendinger, to complete the band. Regarding the addition of the two new members, Gislason said, "I used to

drum and sing at the same time, but now I just sing. It's a load off my back. Paul and Tim are great!"

The band plays a variety of music because each member has likes and dislikes. They generally play music from Poison, Motley Crue and Guns-N-Roses. Of the music they play, one member said, "We can laugh to this music, and just have a good time."

The band plans on being together for at least two more years until Gislason, a junior, finishes high school. The rest of the band consists of seniors.

Broken Toyz hopes to go into a studio in the near future to record an LP. Although they play popular music, they also write their own songs. They have written seven songs but have many ideas for new songs. Everyone contributes to the song writing.

The toughest part of being together is choosing a name. Their first name was Fang, and they've had many others along the way, which they either didn't like, or they had already been taken by another band. They all like Broken Toyz.

They will be performing on December 10 at a Cathedral High School dance and January 14 at Madison High School. New Ulm High School students can look forward to seeing Broken Toyz at a future event.



Broken Toyz members are Paul Peterson and Joel Gustad, sitting; Ben Schladweiler, Tim Wendinger, and Adam Gislason are standing.

Posters brighten NUHS hallways



NUHS cheerleaders help boost school spirit and fan participation.

by Ann Sundell
Graphos Reporter

"The signs also promote school spirit and support the players' efforts."

Walking down the hallways during any given day you can see signs on some lockers. What are these signs for? Where do they come from? Why are they there?

These signs are put on the players' lockers on game days. Their purpose is to let the student body know that there is a game that night. The signs also promote school spirit and support the players' efforts.

This is the first year that all of the fall sports have been included. "I like the posters," stated sophomore volleyball player Ann Wisniewski. Her favorite slogan was "Can the Cardinals." "It lets everyone know that you are a participant in a sport." A similar comment was made by Richard Larson a member of the football team. "The posters let everyone know you are on the team." Derek Roiger, a member of the cross country team, likes the signs because they dress-up the lockers. Many of the players say they save their signs.

The signs are made by senior high cheerleaders. Many of the ideas for the signs come from cheerleading magazines, which suggest different ideas and slogans.

"...the most important role cheerleaders play is to promote school spirit and provide a positive representation of our school."

Although most of the work is done before or after school and during study halls, it is sometimes necessary to finish the signs at home.

The football team was not the only one to have a new face on their coaching staff this fall. The cheerleader's new coach is Susan Keller, an L.D. teacher at NUHS.

Keller was a high school cheerleader for four years and enjoys her new position.

She is getting to know more students and is much more involved in school activities since she started working with the cheerleaders. According to Keller, the most important role cheerleaders play is "to promote school spirit and provide a positive representation of our school."



Posters designed by the cheerleaders brighten NUHS hallways.

Mall prevents consumer leakage

by Paul Fischer
Graphos Reporter

"The mall will create 135 full-time jobs upon its completion."

On October 24 construction began on the downtown New Ulm mall. The preliminary work included stripping the asphalt from the parking lot on 1st North and German Streets and demolishing a building on that site. The mall, which will house 35 different stores, is scheduled to open in November 1989, just in time for the Christmas season.

"The revitalization of New Ulm's central business district" was the primary motivation for the mall, according to City Planner David Schnobrich. The mall will create 135 full-time jobs upon its completion. "The mall will also help prevent leakage of local consumers to Mankato and the Twin Cities area," said Schnobrich. Its variety of stores will "act as a magnet to bring people into the downtown area."

"The leasing has gone well thus far," Schnobrich commented. Of the mall's 35 increments over half are cur-



After years of planning, construction has finally begun on the downtown mall.

rently leased. Three New Ulm stores are planning to move to the new mall once it's built — Maurices and Stevensons of the K-mart plaza and Tradehome Shoes of Minnesota Street. "The mall is attracting many businesses from outside the New Ulm area," said Schnobrich.

Among the other stores committed to moving into the mall are the women's clothing stores Brett's, Vanity, and the Dahl House; Fantastic Sam's hair salon; Tanbecks Jewelers;

the Skill Mill arcade; and Athletic Fitters, a sporting goods store. A restaurant, Mississippi Belle, is also planning on occupying the mall. Other stores still negotiating leases include an electronic store, a book store, a candy store, and a gift shop.

The construction of the mall has already caused changes in the downtown area. To compensate for the loss of the parking lots previously occupying the mall site, the city has established a 36-stall lot directly behind

the Ben Franklin store and a 26-stall lot adjacent to the Cinema Three theatre. Many downtown traffic changes have also been created, causing some confusion among drivers. The biggest change is that 2nd North St. is now a one-way street going east from Minnesota to German Street.

"The council liked the malls in Fergus Falls and Grand Rapids because they were located in the downtown district..."

"The conception of the mall idea occurred in May 1986," continued Schnobrich. At the time the City Council toured malls in many Minnesota communities including Fergus Falls, Grand Rapids, and St. Cloud. The council liked the malls in Fergus Falls and Grand Rapids because they were located in the downtown district rather than on the outskirts of the city. Both of these malls were developed by Ryan Development Company of Minneapolis. In January 1987 the council submitted an application to the State of Minnesota for funding. The State contributed 1.69 million dollars since the mall was projected to provide jobs for families of "low to moderate incomes." "The assistance from the State was crucial to the mall's financing," said the City Planner. After the necessary funding was received, the council began taking bids for the mall's construction. "After two years of working on this project, I'm glad it's becoming a reality," concluded Schnobrich.

Catch a Laugh

Catch a laugh
And give me half
I'll touch the sun
And ask you to come
If you turn away
Then words cannot say
How lonely I feel
Feeling the unreal
Where a flowing dream fills
The valley of the hills
As horizons of red
Drift from my head
While a crying girl paints
Dead pictures of saints
Her falling tears stop
Every sad rain drop

by Matt Pagel

Hello Life

Hello life
My bitter friend with
Your constricting
Embrace
Cold breath
And empty
Eyes of promise
How many souls have you
Squeezed into
Oblivion?
Not mine
I'll just stand here
And watch you from a
Distance

by Matt Pagel

Choir raises funds

by Mark Martens
Graphos Reporter

With plans for a winter trip to Chicago, Illinois, the Concert Choir raised money by selling cheese and sausage combinations. An additional fundraiser will be held in December celebrating the holiday spirit. February 11-13 are the dates of the planned choir tour.

The choir made an approximate profit of \$2000, about 40% of the total sales from the fundraiser. Customer satisfaction was reported to be high.

This December the choir will host 100 guests for a Christmas dinner. These guests will be some of the elderly, disabled, and shut-in persons in the New Ulm area who may not have the opportunity to celebrate Christmas with members of their families. Choir

members will canvass the city of New Ulm, collecting pledges for each meal served. Area businesses will be asked to donate food products for the meal. Choir members and their parents will volunteer time and effort in the preparation and serving of these meals. Co-hosting this event will be the American Legion.

The first stop for the choir on their winter tour will be on Saturday, for a performance at the Minnesota Music Educators' Association Convention (MMEA). Choir members will hear a concert by the MMEA All-State Choir before leaving that same evening for Chicago. Sunday is a day free to take advantage of sightseeing in the windy city. A clinic session and a performance at Illinois University in Champagne-Urbana starts the day on Monday, February 13, after which the choir boards the bus for the trip home to New Ulm.

Ag. — a way of life

by Kathy Radloff
Graphos Reporter

Young people are the future of one of the world's largest industries, agriculture. They strive to establish more programs and activities in order to let people know how important agriculture is. The New Ulm FFA students are determined to be community leaders and make agriculture a permanent way of life.

The local chapter is currently busy with numerous projects including the trip for several members to the National FFA Convention in Kansas City and their yearly fruit sale to raise funds for chapter activities. It is their largest fund raiser of the year.

With winter rapidly approaching, it's definitely the perfect time to stock up on red and yellow delicious apples, pears, potatoes, and citrus fruits. Among these citrus fruits are red grapefruit, California oranges, and

Florida tangelo. These items are sure to prevent any chance of catching the common cold!

All of the hard work that is put into selling fruit every year is used to support the FFA program and the activities of the FFA chapter. The money is distributed to special chapter activities like scholarships, judging teams, field trips, conventions, and community service projects.

In addition, every student who sells 10 or more boxes of fruit receives \$1 back from each box sold. The rebate gives the members an incentive and a reward for their efforts. Money, however, is not their only reward. Anyone who sells 30 boxes or more is invited to a pizza party sponsored by the New Ulm Chapter.

These fruits and vegetables are packaged in easy-to-handle boxes and make perfect Christmas gifts. The fruits will arrive during the first week of December in plenty of time for the holidays.



Concert Choir rehearses for their upcoming trip to Chicago.

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Senske new basketball coach

Who says . . .



by Colin Meier
Graphos Reporter

Who says the Eagles couldn't win football games? It was a definite surprise for New Ulm fans to see the Eagles in the playoffs. The final game against Mankato East was well-played by both teams. Unfortunately, the Eagles best wasn't good enough with fumbles and interceptions plaguing the offense and long runs and a TD pass plaguing the defense. Either way the team played well and gave East a better

Gridders qualify for play-offs

by Joel Luker
Graphos Reporter

Play-off (pla' of, -of) n. According to Webster's it is (a) a decisive game or contest to break a tie or (b) a series of games to decide a championship, award, etc. Up until this year the NUHS football team didn't know the meaning of the word, but 1988 went down in history as the first year the Eagles' football team had ever made it into the playoffs.

The playoff opportunity came after a 4-4 season that was highlighted by a 14-12 overtime win over then no. 1 ranked Orono, the resignation of Jim Schmidt as head coach, and the first homecoming victory since 1981.

The Eagles opened their season on the road in Orono, last year's state champions. They surprised them with a 14-12 OT victory. Their achievement was dimmed, however, by the announcement after the game of Schmidt's resignation. Schmidt had been the head coach since 1984, and he left the Eagles with a record of 9-24. Taking his place was the defensive coordinator Rick VanRoekel.

The Orono game started what was to become a see-saw season with the Eagles alternating wins and losses. Following the Orono game they lost to Redwood Falls 7-6, defeated Wells-Easton 33-0, and were defeated by St. James 21-14. The Eagles beat Blue Earth 14-6 but the following week were routed by St. Peter 35-0.

The Eagles' game against Waseca was significant in two ways: first, if they won, they were guaranteed a playoff berth; and second, it was their homecoming game. They soundly defeated Waseca 20-6 and earned an opportunity to participate in the state playoffs for the first time.

game than St. Peter did. As a senior I'd like to say "thanks" to the underclassmen for all their work in making the season successful. Good luck in filling your shoulder pads next year.

With football over, now comes boys' and girls' basketball, wrestling, and gymnastics. The biggest change will be evident with the boys' basketball team. Dave Hartmann had coached the team with limited success. This year Jim Senske will be taking over as head basketball coach. The big question is "Will the change make a difference?" With last year's 6 and 14 record there is room for improvement. Hopefully, the right combination of seniors and juniors will do for the basketball team what it did for football.

Some fans question how Senske will handle coaching during three seasons. Before basketball he coached JV football and baseball last spring. NUHS now has a three-season coach. I believe that the biggest part of winning is in the players' mental attitude. When winning is expected — and Senske expects to win — most teams are successful. Any person who is willing to give up almost all of his free time to us athletes deserves our appreciation and support. Good luck to Coach Senske and the boys' basketball team this year.

The Eagles dropped their final regular-season game to Fairmont 14-6 and finished the regular season 4-4.

New Ulm was rated as the underdog against a 6-2 Mankato East team. New Ulm eventually lost 21-7 but only after a hard-fought game. Coaches and players agreed that, except for a couple of breaks that went to East, the game could have been a victory for the Eagles. Take two or three plays away, and New Ulm could have won the game. As it turned out, though, it just wasn't meant to be.

The Eagles closed the year with a 4-5 record, the best NUHS has had since



Mankato East halfback Brett Driscoe 21 scampers around New Ulm's right end with Chad Wieben 75 and Brett Linbo 24 in hot pursuit. (Photo by Gary Nelson).



The girls tennis team get together following their banquet. Posing for our camera are front row, left to right, Gina Bruckmeier, Stacy Shablott, Jen Gluth, Kelly Moelter, and Sara Burnett; back row, left to right, Stacy Halvorson, Janel Maurer, Kim Bowar, Pat Reedy, Annette Wachter, Kara Olsen, Kellie Johnson, and Andrea Pieser.

Netter's wrap up season

by Kara Olsen
Graphos Editor

The 1988 girl netters' season was filled with injury and illness. The injuries involved three important varsity players. First singles player and co-captain, Janel Maurer, cut her right hand and was forced to miss two meets. Senior Andrea Pieser, who played second doubles, had to sit on the sidelines for two meets because of a sprained right wrist. The team's third singles player, Stacy Shablott, became a spectator as a result of torn ligaments in her right wrist.

Kim Bowar, a senior co-captain and first doubles player, had the most serious illness of the season. Mononucleosis caused her to miss the entire second half of the season. Their injuries and illnesses forced several line-up changes. Younger, less experienced players filled top varsity positions. Although the experience will help the team next season, it definitely hurt this year's won/loss record. The netters finished the season with two wins and 12 losses, but Coach Pat Reedy points out that of the twelve losses, six were lost by only one point.

The highlight of the season came during Sub-Region team competition on Monday, October 10th. The Eagles participated in the seven point competition held at Terrace View indoor courts in Mankato. Singles players included no. 1 Janel Maurer, no. 2 Jen Gluth, no. 3 Stacy Shablott, and no. 4 Amy Schilman. Doubles players included no. 1 Sara Burnett and Kelly

Moelter, no. 2 Kara Olsen and Andrea Pieser, and no. 3 Gina Bruckmeier and Stacy Halvorson. The Eagles easily defeated their first opponent Waconia/Mayer Lutheran 5-2 but lost to Mankato West 7-0 for a second-place finish in the sub-region.

The four point individual competition was held the following Wednesday. Burnett and Maurer paired up to play a first doubles match against Mankato West. The two Eagles lost their first set 4-6, but came back in the second 6-4. After two hours of intense rallying, Burnett and Maurer fell in the third set by a heartbreaking score of 4-6. First singles Gluth, second singles Moelter, and second doubles Olsen and Pieser all played well, but lost their matches in two sets each.

The season concluded with the annual tennis pot-luck banquet on Thursday, November 3. Coach Reedy explained that District #88 budget cuts may necessitate the formation of a New Ulm Tennis Association. He commented that tennis players may be "flipping brats at Heritagefest" to cover costs. He also distributed this year's statistics and certificates of achievement to individual team members. In addition to these certificates, Gluth received the most improved player award, and Maurer received the MVP award. It was a night and a season that will be remembered by five seniors who won't be returning next year.

1981. They were captained by Chad Wieben and Giam Nguyen. At the annual football banquet Wieben was voted by his fellow players as the best defensive player as well as team MVP. He had 47 solo tackles and 45 assists for a total of 92 tackles. Josh Crabtree

was voted the best offensive player and led the Eagles with 466 yards rushing plus 43 yards pass receiving. Matt Senske received the most improved player award, Brad Rockvam earned the Kodak award, and the coaches award went to Mark Martens.

Harriers capture second place

by Bobbi Jo Drum
Graphos Reporter

As the cross country season came to a close, one could definitely say it ended on the right foot. Both the boys' and girls' cross country teams placed second in the conference, finishing behind Fairmont, who swept the Region 2AA meet. The Region 2AA Cross Country Meet was held at the New Ulm Country Club and consisted of 98 runners in each race. New Ulm's boys took fifth while the girls placed ninth.

Although none of New Ulm's fourteen runners advanced to the state meet, senior co-captain Dale Bahr captured eighth place at the regional meet. Bahr has been battling bursitis and tendonitis in his hip for most of the season and was disappointed by his performance. "It's tough," he stated, "I know I could have done better if I wasn't injured." He plans to run in college if he stays healthy.

The 1988 cross country letter winners included Dale Bahr (captain), Ryan McMahan (captain), Bill Carlson, Wade Erickson, Paul Fischer, Jason Livermore, Jim Spoon, Aaron Ingebritson, Darren Netland, Derek Roiger, Glen Drexler, Tania Drexler (captain), Janell Schilman (captain), Kari Koop, Terri Koop, Sheri Preis-



Cross Country runners Ryan McMahan and Dale Bahr lead the pack during New Ulm's Invitational meet.

inger, Audra Beussman, Bobbi Jo Drum, Sara Peterson, and Sheila Wendinger. Aaron Ingebritson and Terri Koop will be the captains for the 1989 season.

The boys' cross country team will be losing seven of their runners because of

graduation while the girls lose two.

Many of these graduating seniors possess several memorable experiences. Janell Schilman said her most memorable experience was being locked in a mini-bif! Now, Janell that wasn't quite what I had in mind.

Looking back on the serious experiences these seniors have had, one is not surprised by their negative responses to the rumor that cross country may be cut next year. Coach Skip Davis and the team captains felt that the school would be losing a good sport. "The school is too football, basketball, and baseball minded," said McMahan. "Every kid should have the chance to run," stated Bahr.

The cross country team is very close, it's like an extended family. Senior co-captain Janell Schilman, referring to the girls cross country team, said, "We're almost like sisters." Each runner ran approximately 480 miles throughout the course of the 1988 season. Running that many miles within a twelve week period has a way of bringing people together.

What are the four captains going to miss the most about their careers as high school cross country runners?

They all put Coach Skip Davis, otherwise known as "Skipper," at the top of their lists. "Skipper" is not only a coach, but also a friend to every cross country runner. "I'll miss Coach Davis trying to get mad at people," joked captain Ryan McMahan. Not only do the kids miss Davis, but he also misses them. "I'm glad the season is over, but in two weeks I'll be looking for something to do. The kids keep me young," quipped Davis.

Volleyball team wins SCC

by Ann Wisniewski
Graphos Reporter

For the sixth straight year the New Ulm Eagles Volleyball team has won the South Central Conference title. This was a great accomplishment because the Eagles lost six seniors to graduation last year.

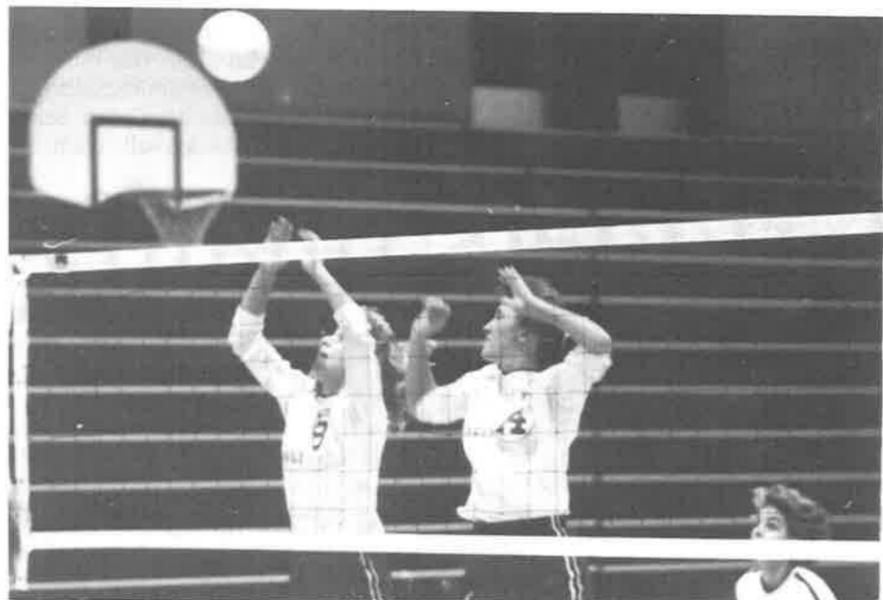
Including tournament and post-season play, the Eagles ended the season with 12 wins and 12 losses. They lost their first play-off match to the Worthington Trojans in five games because of an illegal New Ulm substitution.

There were many strong points that helped the team record a successful season. Working together as a unit and always having team spirit accounted for most of their success. Passing and serving drills also helped the team improve during the season.

Coach Gayle Bauer was very pleased with the South Central Conference title even though their won-loss record was not as good as last year. "They have come a long way from the beginning of the season," observed Bauer.

Next year the Eagles expect to be strong because only two seniors graduate this year while several experienced players will return. There are also some hard working sophomores who will be playing varsity next year. Junior Gwen Bloedel summarized the year up best: "We improved a lot this year and will be an even stronger team next year."

This year's Eagle volleyball team totaled 12 players. Dee Ann Asleson and Gretchen Coyle were the only seniors. Junior team members included



Gwen Bloedel 8 and Laurie Koss 14 prepare to set the ball.

Lisa Evans, Gwen Bloedel, Kim Milbrath, Laurie Koss, Jen Lomax, Tammy Wittenberg, Stacy Earl, Dina Schroeffer, and Peggy Kokesch. Dawn Hatle was the only sophomore on the

team. The B-squad team coached by Sharon Odgren had a season record of 5-8 with many of their games decided by a couple of points.



Opponent	Score	
	We	They
Orono (OT)	14	12
Redwood Falls	6	7
Wells	33	0
St. James	14	20
Blue Earth	20	6
St. Peter	0	35
Waseca	20	6
Fairmont	6	14
Mankato East	7	21

All conference halfback Josh Crabtree 36 can't evade this Mankato East tackler. (Photo by Gary Nelson).