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Eagles skate their way to state

by Alissa Swenson
Graphos Reporter

At the beginning of the hockey season, no one would have bet that the New Ulm Eagles would be in the Tier II State Tournament. Coach Tom Macho's goal was to have a better season than they had the year before.

The Eagles ended their regular

season with a 5-16-1 record. They earned a spot in the state tournament by beating Northfield 3-0, Mankato East 5-2, and Rochester Lourdes 6-1. According to senior captain **Josh Hemingway**, "The team's confidence was very high coming off three playoff wins."

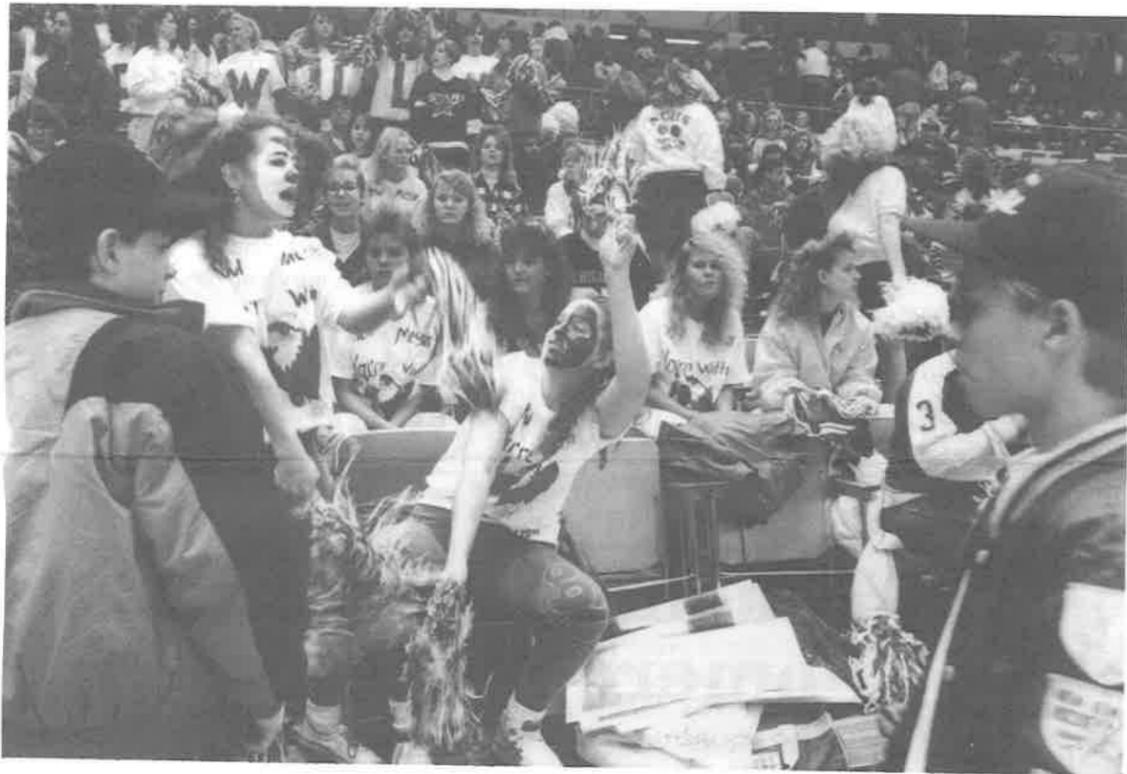
The hockey team began their tournament week on Tuesday. They spent the day practicing at LeSue-

ur. The media attention was something new for the Eagles. Hemingway said all the media was a distraction because it prevented them from focusing on the game.

The Eagles lost to the Cambridge Blue Jackets 4-0 in the opening round of the state tournament. The Eagles then fell to the Minneapolis Roosevelt Teddies 5-1.

Prior to the tournament there was skepticism that a Tier II hockey tournament would deter from the "real" tournament. Coach **Tom Macho** was one of the coaches who was involved with the idea of a two tier tournament. Originally the coaches wanted to have two classes like many of the other interscholastic sports in the state, but that's not what happened. Macho still likes the idea of a two tier tournament because it gives more schools the chance to play in a state tournament. He believes that once schools get a chance to know what the tier two tournament is all about they will strive to be in the tournament.

Both Hemingway and Macho agree that next year's team will have a good chance to return to the tournament. The Eagles lose only five seniors. Macho hopes that this year's success brings more kids into the program at all levels of the hockey program.



Fan support, school spirit were at their best at the state hockey tournament.

Graduation postponed, school year extended

by Sarah Schmitz
Graphos Editor

An emergency administrative meeting was called late last week because of concerns affecting the June 4th graduation date. According to an anonymous source, the administration is embarrassed by the problems concerning commencement and have put off informing New Ulm High School seniors of the sudden change.

The ceremony date was changed from May 31st to June 4th earlier this school year for fear of extra snow days, but because of additional circumstances school officials were forced to change graduation again. As of Friday night, commencement is changed to 7:30 p.m. June 12th at Johnson Park, weather permitting.

There are several implications leading to the change. The senior high office received a letter from Jostens last Friday informing principal **George Wagner** that

because of the late graduation date change to June 4th, almost all purple caps and gowns are already reserved for that day. The letter stated that only 25 purple gowns are available for June 4th, but all are big and tall sizes. Wagner declined to comment.

According to a usually reliable **Graphos** source, last Friday Wagner received a call from Jostens confirming the print color of the diplomas. Jostens claims to have received notice that New Ulm High School changed its school colors to maroon and white. The Jostens representative did not understand why the school ordered purple caps and gowns and maroon diplomas.

Officials believe there was a possible mix up between Cathedral High School and New Ulm Public. Cathedral also orders its diplomas through Jostens.

The diplomas have already been printed, and the Jostens representative claims there is no possible way to reprint the order in purple

by June 4th. To give Jostens sufficient time to print new diplomas and assure enough purple caps and gowns are available for seniors, the administration set graduation back to June 12th.

When senior **Willy Remmert** heard the rumors regarding graduation, he said, "I kind of like maroon and white. I really don't care what color our diplomas are. I'd rather graduate June 4th with periwinkle diplomas than waste another week of summer."

Tentative graduate **Kurt Thorson** said, "I'm fed up with these silly administrative mistakes. I want to get out of this school!"

The administration expects a bitter reaction from students. To possibly simmer their hostility, school officials are attempting to book a Twin City rock band for the graduation ceremony, but plans are not yet definite.

Faculty also extended the school

year for underclassmen. Traditionally seniors have had the last week of the school year off. This year juniors and sophomores will carry on this tradition by attending school through the 19th of June.

Junior **Frieda Marti** does not understand why underclassman



Frieda Marti is furious about the extended school year the administration will officially announce today.

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editorial

Arts lack strong student support



by Allison Koeckeritz
Graphos Editor

When you take an exciting sports game and add the spirited cheerleaders, screaming crowd, and the danceline performing with the band, you have the social event of the evening. Support for our sports teams is great. Without the fans a basketball game just wouldn't be the same. But when you go to a band or choir concert, you don't see all the people eager to support their peers. Why? Our school is too focused on sports. I feel that equal support should be given to all areas, including the arts.

When the one act play won first place in region 2AA competition and represented our region and school at the State Festival, the cast did not receive much encouragement or congratulations.

Recently the hockey team went to the state Tier II Tournament. There were banners all over the halls. Fan busses were provided and students were excused from school to watch our team play. During the play festival no one, including the cast, missed school to watch the plays. In fact, the cast was hassled when they were asked to be excused from school to perform at the junior high. Not many people acknowledged the fact that the play had done well. There were no banners or signs wishing the cast good luck. In addition, there was no fan bus for those interested and there was no pep fest to wish them good luck.

We think it is terrific that our sports teams are receiving so much school support, but we really won't be able to appreciate it until people decide to give equal support to all school programs, especially the arts.

"Wayne's World" makes students hurl - NOT!

by Heather Besse
Graphos Reporter

I'm sure everyone has felt the sting of a comment about their immaturity from their parents. Many times they'd say something like "Honey, this is a movie for adults; you aren't old enough to understand it yet." Well, now youth all over America have the chance to get revenge with these words, "Mom, Dad, you won't understand the movie 'Wayne's World,' trust me." The elder generation may in fact be too old to realize the true meaning behind the jokes in this excellent movie.

One line which may fly right past "mature" adults is the hidden meaning in Wayne's order of Chinese take-out food, Cream of Sum-yung. Another fly-by line seems to be, "She's so beautiful, it makes me wanna hurl." Adults trying to understand this expression are saying, "So what is he going to throw?"

Language isn't the only thing that could cause adults to misunderstand this picture. The main characters may be a contributing factor, too. The plot of "Wayne's World" is based on two adolescents, Wayne and Garth. They spend all their time relating to different experiences in life. They become famous because of their

show "Wayne's World." Throughout the movie they mock movie production, fame, and the publicity received by famous people.

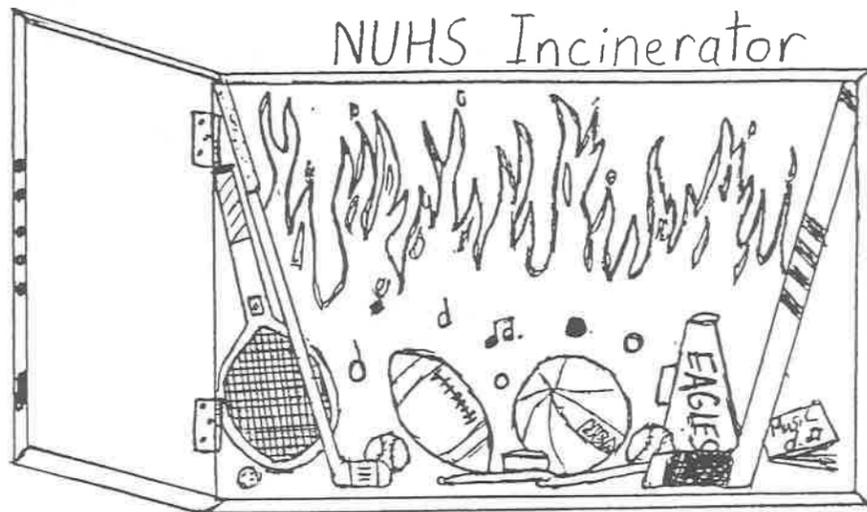
The story also includes a character, played by Rob Lowe, who symbolizes society and how interested in conforming people generally are. Wayne and Garth rebel against this idea with their actions, words, and love for fun.

This rebellion against society and adults is what makes "Wayne's World" so easily understood by today's teens. Within three days of its first showing, \$33.5 million had been made at the box office. Their goal of reaching teenagers has definitely succeeded with this "way excellent" movie, "party on dudes!"

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FRIENDS

Friends are people near and far
Who seem to care wherever you are
They see right through that mask you wear
Your very soul they do lay bare
They may be near, they may be far
Their thoughts remain, though, where you are
So listen carefully to what they say
Brick walls between us often stand in our way
But when the time is right for change
They make the adjustments a little less strange
For friends are there through thick and thin
To guide us through to the very end

by Ashley Ahl

Teachers plan homeroom activities

by Betsy Pieser
Graphos Reporter

Twenty-eight to 30 minutes of open discussion. Ten sophomores, 10 juniors, 10 seniors, and a few teachers. Every person equal to everyone else. Sessions would be held about two times a month. A place to talk about problems, lyciums, and no one would be referred to as a teacher. No one would be an underclassman. Equality throughout the school.

Colleen Tasto, a Spanish and ESL teacher at the junior and senior high, initiated the idea of a way to offer support and help build a community of students and teachers. With the aid of Carol Ackerson and many other faculty members, they devised a plan to provide for discussion and spirit building. The idea grew from problems that many students have experienced with relationships, depression, and other stresses. These groups will address questions and problems high school kids deal with on a day-to-day basis. Working as a "peer sharing" group, the homerooms will have a designated time for cooperative problem solving.

The goal for the proposed plan is for kids to have a safe place to communicate. Once the students and faculty are divided equally

into small groups, this experiment will be under way. A beginning target date is sometime in April.

The aim of the multi-purpose homerooms will fill a variety of needs. The Student Council brainstormed four main purposes for new homerooms: fun activities, education, school spirit, and problem solving. Intramural sports teams between various homerooms, Easter Egg hunts, and student talent shows are a sample of proposed fun activities. Pep rallies, poster making, and decorating to improve publicity for school events would increase participation and school spirit. The educational side of homerooms would be topical discussions ranging from current events to suicides, mini-course days, guest speakers, and peer helpers. Students could approach the idea of homerooms as a way for all of us to improve the school environment.

Students need not worry; the school day would not be lengthened. By cutting approximately five minutes from every class, (the time it takes the average teacher to take attendance), the session would last approximately a half hour. "Growth is slow. People must be patient," explained Tasto. "We journey together as equals."

Carli's corner

by Carli Besse
Graphos Columnist

The time of year is approaching when the disease known as senioritis strickens the upperclassmen at NUHS. The name may not be familiar to you, but it is a disease that affects students who are entering the last stretch of their senior year.

The symptoms tend to worsen as the weather turns warmer. Students who seem to be extremely hyper or nervous may be just plain weird, but more than likely that person is suffering from senioritis. Another symptom is a loss of interest in school work. Victims become extremely lazy and tend to slough off during their classes. They have strong uncontrollable urges to skip school, take a "college day," or enjoy the spring sunshine.

Students with senioritis also suffer from tension headaches or anxiety attacks. Other side effects of the disease are severe fatigue and dizziness due to



lack of sleep from worrying about post-graduation plans or from trying to party as much as they can before the end of the year.

Senioritis is the most common disease that plagues teenagers. Seniors, be aware of symptoms. Also, remember sophomores and juniors, there is no way to prevent senioritis; it is contagious. Luckily there is a guaranteed remedy that has never failed- graduation.

Taxes, post holiday season magnify recession

by Ben Seim
Graphos Reporter

I'm sure you're aware that the present economic situation is not the best. We are in a recession and people are buying less, which in turn, hurts business. There are some reasons why the present situation seems worse now than it really is.

Lynn Borer, assistant manager at Hy-Vee, identified three reasons for the current recession: (1) people are paying taxes so they don't have as much cash, (2) some are also still paying bills from the holidays, (3) January through March have always been slow months for business.

Eighty percent of K-mart's sales take place during the Christmas shopping season so naturally you can't expect the post-Christmas

season to be strong. Hy-Vee rarely hires employees during this time and working hours of employees are usually reduced.

Leigh Asleson, a Hy-Vee employee, said that there aren't as many hours, and the store is less busy. Josh Quandahl, a K-mart employee, said that he gets less hours, less money, and does more dusting and straightening of shelves because of the lack of business.

Another reason that the recession may seem bad is New Ulm's business environment. New Ulm's mall hasn't been very successful, and local retailers have always been hurting because Mankato, which has several malls, is only 30 minutes away.

The economic situation is not good right now, but don't throw in the towel just yet, it may seem worse than it actually is.

Band strikes a St. Louis beat

by Jerod Spilman
Graphos Reporter

When attending most athletic events at NUHS it is not uncommon to see the band in full force. They add an element of excitement and a feeling of being in the big leagues. Although they are not competing in the event, they are a welcomed sight. But when does the band get time to compete with other bands?

Well, the time has come to show what the band has been performing for sports fans and band supporters for years. In April the band will travel to St. Louis to take part in the Gateway Music Festival. The competition is made up of 40 groups from around the United States. "I think it is a good idea that we finally have a chance to play for someone other than the community," said Jen Guse.

The itinerary is jammed packed with things to do and places to see. They will be gone from April 22-26. "My main focus for the trip was to expose the band to a multitude of different things," said Duane Oldham. Although not competing until Friday, the band

has found things to do in St. Louis that will show them the sights and sounds of the city.

While there they will visit The Science Museum, Union Station, and Busch Stadium for a baseball game between the Expos and the Cardinals. And to top off the whole trip, they will spend one day touring Six Flags over Mid-America.

Following the awards ceremony on April 25, they will take a cruise on the Mississippi River that will show them the city by night. This river cruise will conclude the festival and send the band home with a treasure chest full of memories. "I think this trip will be enjoyable for the band, the chaperones, and myself," said Oldham. Along with Oldham, 45 band members, and three chaperones will accompany the band.

The band has not been a competitive element of the school's extracurricular activity program. In the future, however, the band may be as important as football, basketball, and baseball, but for now they are performing at their best and looking forward to competing against other bands in St. Louis.

Clyne focuses on why people drink



by Jessica Clyne
Graphos Columnist

I am writing in reference to an article in the last Graphos. The person who wrote that article about drinking had some good points, but I think a few things need to be straightened out.

I don't understand why the editors didn't identify the author of that letter. The only solution I could come up with is that they weren't very secure about what they wrote.

There was something in that article about peer pressure. I don't think there is anything like peer pressure. I think peer pressure is

just an excuse people use so they can blame their mistakes on someone else.

I've asked many people about why they drink. I received a lot of answers. Some people said they like its taste; others said they drank because they wanted something to do. Some people said it makes them relaxed and they have more fun, but the most popular answer was escape. When you can't "run away" from your problems, drink. At least that's what most people who talked to me said.

Another thing the writer was talking about was having a pop party. How many people do you think would go? In my opinion, if more people would focus on why people drink than how dumb they are for drinking, things would be much better.

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NUHS hit by seasonal epidemic

by Jen Eyrich
Graphos Reporter

The long, cold winter has created an epidemic in the halls of NUHS. Students have caught two illnesses common to this time of year, the **Winter Blues** and **Spring Fever**. There appears no medicine to counteract these diseases. Almost everyone has been bitten by one of these bugs at some time. The Winter Blues usually comes first, followed by Spring Fever. Seniors are the most common victims with their thoughts of graduation and summer, but it can affect anyone.

The Winter Blues set in when the thought of sledding, skiing, and other winter activities seem as exciting as getting a tooth pulled or extra homework in a three-day weekend. If trees flecked with snow or the intricate designs of frost on the window seem as beautiful as dead grass, it's possible you are suffering from the disease. And if you find yourself wishing Frosty the Snowman was just another puddle, it's a sure sign you have the Winter Blues.

There are cures, however. Ask any student for their idea of a cure, and they'll be glad to tell you.

Seniors **Shelby Baumann** and **Amy Mayer** say that tanning and shopping for summer clothes help them feel better.

Other suggestions include listening to upbeat music and wearing shorts, proof that music and clothes have an effect on the way you feel.

Senior **Tricia Reinhart** says preparing for spring sports helps to chase the blues away. Many stu-

dents are anxious to get in shape for spring athletics and summer activities.

Sophomore **Peter Schroeder** suggests making the most of the remaining winter weather is better than longing for spring.

The victims of Spring Fever are generally easy to spot. They're the ones who wear shorts when the thermometer hits 40 degrees. If it was June and 40 degrees, they'd be digging out their sweaters and jeans complaining about the cold.

The winter started early this year with the Halloween Blizzard so Spring Fever has caught on sooner than normal. The unseasonable warm temperatures have also contributed to the Fever. People have had four months of snow and are ready for some sun.

The way students react to prom is an indication of how Spring Fever affects people. What other time of year do people get dates two months in advance? Students seem to think that if they plan for it far in advance it will not seem so far away.

One of the major side effects of the Blues and Fever is Senioritis. It's not just seniors who are affected either. Students feel there is no reason to do homework any more because it's no longer important. For seniors, many of them are already accepted to college so there seems to be no reason to do any more work.

So whether you have the Winter Blues or Spring Fever, hang in there. Mother nature will chase the snow away in due time, but until then mere thoughts of sun and fun will have to do.



According to Pat Reedy and Jim Pearson, there aren't any negatives associated with coaching girls' sports.

Pearson, Reedy have a ball coaching

by Becky Retka
Graphos Reporter

With all of the attention given to sexual harassment, people have become more aware of the issue. There are many areas in which people are starting to watch for harassing occurrences in school, the work place, and other areas. One situation has involved a male coach of a girls' basketball team. We talked with two individuals who are coaches of girls' teams for their reactions.

Jim Pearson is the girls' varsity softball coach and **Pat Reedy** is the girls' varsity tennis coach and assistant softball coach. Pearson said, "There are no cons (to coaching girls); it's too much fun. If there were a con because of gender, it would be that someone could take a comment or pat on the shoulder wrong." Because it is in the news, people are more aware, and touching has become an issue. Pearson sees the girls he coaches as athletes, not girls. "They are softball players first, and girls second. The sport I coach is the one I love doing."

Reedy said that coaching girls is a little different than coaching boys. "Through my coaching experience, I see that girls need more feedback about what it is they are doing. Girls deal more with feelings and emotions, which does not seem to be as much of an issue with boys. Both boys and girls need encouragement." Reedy does not like to yell while teaching or coaching. He is glad to see that the old coaching technique of intimidation is dying out.

Both coaches said that there is a daily satisfaction in coaching because when they were in high school, girls' sports did not exist.

Girls sat on the side and watched

because there was no opportunity to play. They like the opportunity for girls to participate. "We enjoy seeing kids pour their hearts out and enjoying the competition," Reedy said.

Gender is not an issue in coaching. Reedy said, "I coach out of a passion for play. I love to teach and watch athletes play." Pearson agreed: "When I was growing up, all I did was play ball. In the winter, after watching Big 10 basketball, I would cut the fingers out of an old pair of gloves and go outside and shoot baskets. I love the involvement in sports and the enjoyment of playing."

"Some of the most exhilarating moments in my life have been while playing, especially when you go beyond what you think you can not do," said Reedy. Both coaches share a common love of sports and coaching. Gender is not the issue; love of the game is.

Pearson said, "There is a different excitement in sports than from teaching in a classroom. That is important also, but sports offer something different." The three state tournaments his teams have played in brought excitement. "It gave me goose bumps to hear the names being announced at the state tournament. I've had girls who have won 50 ball games in their high school careers and attended three state tournaments. It was a neat feeling to be there, and I want everyone to have the feeling of being on top."

There will be pros and cons in many things people do, but these two coaches have many more positive things to talk about than negatives. "If there are any negatives about coaching, they are not gender related," said Reedy.

Samur enjoys New Ulm's atmosphere

by Sarah Nelson
Graphos Reporter

When Americans hear the word "turkey," they think of Thanksgiving; but when **Basak Samur** hears it, she thinks of home.

Samur, a senior at NUHS who resides with Jerry and Lynn Flatau, likes New Ulm "because of the open air." It is a big change from the town of Bursa, Turkey. Bursa has a population of 346, 000 people.

The differences in students are very small. New Ulm and Bursa students do about the same things after school, relaxation, sports, and other activities. In Turkey Samur participated in volleyball, track, and student council where she served as their vice president. At NUHS she keeps busy with Concert choir, track, Math League, and Vice President of S.A.D.D.



AFS student **Basak Samur** says her most memorable experience was "seeing all the skyscrapers" in Chicago.

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Kraft manager outwits recession

by Eric Crabtree
Graphos Reporter

In the recession that has been affecting all of America, it is nice to see a bright spot right here in New Ulm. The New Ulm Kraft plant has been producing an outstanding amount of products over the last year. As a matter of fact, the New Ulm plant has produced so much that they received an incentive bonus recently. One of the people who played a major role in the recent success of the Kraft plant is a New Ulm native **Dan Loose**, the Kraft Plant Manager.



NUHS graduate Dan Loose is the Kraft Plant Manager.

Loose graduated from New Ulm Senior High School in 1964. He graduated from North Dakota State University in Fargo, North Dakota, where he was an All-American football player. After his graduation in 1968, Loose tried out with the Winnipeg Blue-bombers, a professional Canadian football team. He then was drafted by the Army and served until 1971. At that time Loose was offered an entry level job with the title of Food Technician with Kraft. Loose rose through the ranks of the corporation until he attained the position he holds today.

"As plant manager I am just a go-between person for the company officials and the employees of this plant. I keep the communication lines open between the two sides

so that they can cooperate and operate on the same wavelength. I also oversee the operations of the plant and make sure that everything runs smoothly," said Loose.

The plant received an incentive bonus and an exceptional rating for the progress they have made in production. Each year the company, in cooperation with each individual worker, sets a production goal. "The idea behind this is to get the employees involved in the decision making and goal setting," said Loose.

The name of this program is MIP (Major Improvements Program). At the end of each production year the company officials and the workers sit down to review their goals. This year the New Ulm Kraft plant exceeded its goal by a large margin.

"In all the years that I have worked at this plant, the production goal has never been exceeded by such a wide margin," said Loose.

Because the New Ulm plant exceeded its production goal, everyone involved with the plant received bonuses proportional to their work load.

"The key to the success of this plant has been the work ethic and the great attitude of the employees while they have been under the new environment called 'Total Quality.'"

Loose said, "In this program the leaders are the facilitators and the employees are empowered with certain aspects of the company. The increased employee involvement has worked well for our plant and all parties have adjusted rather well."

It is obvious that Loose, Kraft of New Ulm, and all the employees of the plant are enjoying their success at the moment. In these tough economic times some companies and their employees step forward to be a bright spot in a sluggish, depressed economy.

come up with different combinations," said Samur.

After Samur returns to Turkey, she plans to attend college. She enthusiastically recommends the AFS program to all students. Her favorite and most memorable experience in the U.S. was "seeing all of the skyscrapers" while touring Chicago.



Because of her interest in books, Becky Schaeetzke began working in the library as a part time secretary.

If you can't find it, Schaeetzke can

by Scott Varland
Graphos Reporter

Many of you may have been in the library recently in need of sources for a research project or just looking for a good book. The person giving you some good suggestions is **Becky Schaeetzke**.

Schaeetzke, who lists helping people find books as one of the favorite parts of her job, has been a familiar face in the library.

She and her husband, who is a psychologist, moved to New Ulm about 12 years ago from Janesville, Minnesota, where they both grew up. They have two children, Jessica and Sam, who she said keep her busy with their involvement in scouting and sports. She graduated from Janesville High School and attended Mankato State University, where she majored in home economics and minored in business.

She started to work at NUHS as a computer aide. Because of her interest in books, she started working in the library as a part time secretary and in the counselor's office at Washington Elementary. In the library she likes working with new books. She said "Loves music, Loves to Dance" is one of her recently read favorites. She also enjoys the fact that there are always "lots of different things to do" in the library. Schaeetzke says she likes to see high school kids get involved in activities.

Outside of the school she is a member of the church guild and the American Association of University Women. She also enjoys playing tennis and golf. And, of course, she also likes to read and discuss books, especially mysteries or espionage novels.

Good times are had at state tournaments

by Darin Bunkers
Graphos Reporter

March is the month that comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb. It is also the month of hoop-hysteria, hard nose hockey, and wild wrestling tournaments. Here for a few weekends, the best teams duke it out for the right to say that they are the best for the 1991-1992 season.

The teams and individuals aren't the only ones who look forward to the different state tournaments. The less fortunate competitors enjoy the tournaments just as much as the participating teams.

Student athletes gather from all parts of Minnesota to scream, hoot, and holler just for the heck of it. Senior **Jay Backer** says he enjoys seeing the level of competition at state. "The teams at the state basketball tournaments are at a higher level than most teams we play or even see."

Besides seeing the state's top wrestlers, hockey, gymnastics, and basketball teams, it is a good excuse to get out of the school rut for a few days. Students abandon the books, drop in a car with about a dozen good friends, blare the radio 'til the speakers blow, and cruise on up to the cities for a relaxing weekend of viewing their favorite sporting events, eating tons of junk food, and guzzling gallons of pop. Some even enjoy shopping!

It's hard to believe that some fans trek to the cities to go shopping. For the die hard shopper/tournament fan, the state tournaments provide valuable shopping time somewhere else than the good ole Marketplatz Mall.

But whatever your reason for visiting the different state tournaments, it's a safe bet it'll be a good time whatever your sport is.

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Basak says that the teachers here are more relaxed and informal than they are in Turkish schools. If a student fails two lessons or chapters, they will fail the entire class and have to repeat the course.

American and Turkish foods have their differences also. "We use the same ingredients, but



Ann Zitzman and Stacy Hanson write their papers with the help of a few study aids.

How to write a paper without reading the book

by Paul Kluge
Graphos Reporter

For some unknown reason, (they claim it's for our own good), teachers have always delighted in assigning papers, from 12 page AP thesis papers on four novels to book reviews and reports on almost any subject. It's only natural that everyone has had to write a paper on a book they've never read or has at least tried to get by without reading the book.

So what can you do if a big term paper will be due soon? How can you get around having to read the book for a paper? In other words, how can you write a paper on a book you never read. This "Top 10 List of Ways of Dealing with an Impending Paper" is filled with handy discussions of strategies and tips that will answer all these important questions.

10. Actually read the book. If you have some time left and the book isn't too long, boring, or incomprehensible, reading it may still be possible. **Pro:** The true pursuit of academic excellence may benefit you. **Con:** Everyone knows that reading is on its way out. Besides, even when done correctly, it has been known to contribute to insanity, hypertension, arthritis, and carpal tunnel syndrome. Educators have conspired to keep this information as secret as possible.

9. Cliff's Notes. This appears in the list because reading is probably not one of most people's priorities. **Pro:** Those yellow and black stripes sure look spiffy. **Con:** Do you really want to pay \$5 for the privilege of having 60 pages of notes to read about a single book?

8. Have your friends tell you about the book. A very popular choice among freeloaders everywhere. **Pro:** If you have dependable friends, why bother reading the book? **Con:** Perhaps they haven't read it either.

7. Ask someone who's been in the class before about the book. Older siblings who have saved their papers can be especially

helpful. **Pro:** If you're lucky, you might also be able to copy their old paper for the same assignment. **Con:** Studies have shown that people recall less than 7% of what they have read one year ago so you may not get the accurate information you desire.

6. Find someone who's getting an "A" in the class to write the paper for you. This method is rarely used but worth mentioning. **Pro:** How much easier can it get? All you have to do is find a few dollars to pay your writer. **Con:** No matter how proficient a writer the person you hire is, they will not be able to recreate the essence of your own completely unique style of writing. Another warning: anyone who agrees to do your work for you can't be all that smart.

5. Try to bribe the teacher. **Pro:** It is by far the most exciting way to get a paper out of the way. **Con:** Also, anyone who has seen the movie "Kindergarten Cop" knows that police operatives posing as teachers are pretty common in schools these days. Be careful in choosing who you bribe.

4. Ask for more time, (preferably until the end of the year). Works best if you are the teacher's pet and can get the whole class to say that they didn't have enough time either. **Pro:** You'll have time to read the book and create a meaningful paper. **Con:** You'll still have to write the paper unless by some miracle you can convince your teacher to rescind the assignment.

3. Snow your way through the paper. May be a necessity if there wasn't time to read the book, and no one who read it could tell you much about what was in it. **Pro:** At least you wrote something. **Con:** Has only a small chance of working unless you have an elegant clear plastic binder to showcase what you have written.

2. Watch the movie. **Pro:** Could be fun. **Con:** Again, you still have to write the paper. Also, be

"Ballroom Elegance" captivates the gym

by Dawn Arlandson
Graphos Reporter

PROM: A word that sets off new relationships, patches up the old and sends others out to search for a date. After all the turmoil of finding a date, finding a dress, and finding some money to finance them is over, a group of prom-goers sit down to come up with ideas to make this year's prom a special and unforgettable evening.

The prom committee consists of class officers and those students interested in helping with organizing the evening's activities. They are supervised by advisors Sharon Skunes and Carol Davis. According to Skunes, planning is moving along on schedule.

The prom committee meetings have resulted in the student body's selection of the 1992 prom theme of "Ballroom Elegance." A classic black and white motif

with red accents will garnish the gymnasium, transforming it from a high school gym into a ballroom dance floor.

Getting the decorations assembled will begin in April. The actual decorating of the gym will take place during the week preceding the Prom on May 2. Any interested students are asked to help to create an elegant atmosphere.

The second annual Post-Prom Party will be held at Jefferson School this year. After last year's successful turn-out, another safe evening of fun has been scheduled. Games, gambling, and prizes will be the main attractions at the party, and all students are invited, whether or not they attended prom.

Prom 1992 is expected to be a night out in style. But even those not attending the dance can share in the fun and excitement simply by getting involved.

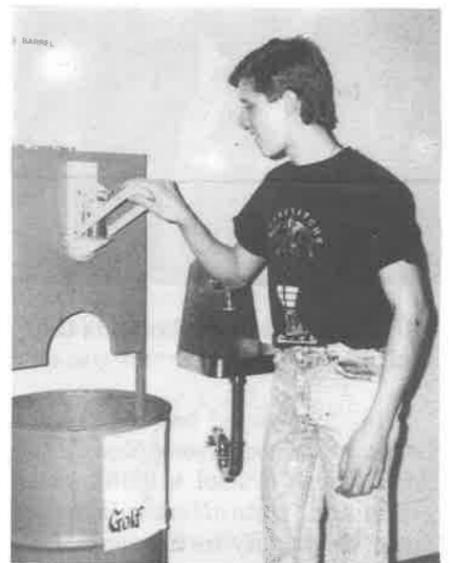
NUHS plays part in recycling movement

by Maren Olson
Graphos Reporter

The average American tosses four pounds of garbage in a trash can each day. Seventy percent of the landfills in our country are full. Americans put 2.5 million plastic bottles in the garbage every hour! If you were to throw a glass bottle away today, it would be around until the year 3000! These and other facts are a scary reality for today's society. Fortunately, there is a solution - recycling!

NUHS is playing its part in the recycling movement. The school recycles paper once a week. Any white or light colored paper is placed in the boxes in classrooms. We also have a can recycling project. A container is kept handy in the cafeteria for students who down a can of pop during study time.

Many students are happy to see the school involved in recycling. They are concerned about the environment and want to do all they can to help. **Jessica Heuchert** said, "Someday all our resources are going to be gone, and this helps to get them back." **Sarah Henderson** also feels recycling is important: "Recycling will make the earth better for future generations." Students aren't the only ones concerned about the environment. Teacher **Colleen Tasto** said that she had made recycling her



Scott Kilmer smashes a pop can in the cafeteria.

New Year's resolution for 1991 - even before the city started their program!

New Ulm began a city-wide recycling program during 1991. Large plastic containers were distributed to all households in which citizens can put cans, glass, and all plastics except those labeled #6. In some cities residents must separate all their recycleables in individual containers.

Although the city and the school are recycling, at this time there is no curb side pick-up service for businesses. Hopefully this service will be a possibility in the near future!

warned that Cash Wise does not stock titles like **Beowulf**, **Fahrenheit 451**, or **The Iliad of Homer**. If you can't rent the movie, your local public television station may be able to help you find a copy.

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must pay for the administrative mistake. "We've gone the required days of school. I can't believe they're doing this!"

Well, the **Graphos** didn't believe it either until we remembered what day it is. It's April 1st, **APRIL FOOLS!**

sports

Athletes mature, gain experience through sports



by Alissa Swenson
Graphos Columnist

The night has come. It is our first region game. This could be it, our last game of the season: For us seniors, the last game of our career. All the endless drills, running plays until we're sick of them, all the summer camps. This is our last chance to become region champs or to go to state.

We try to put it out of our minds, to pretend this is just like all the

other games we have played, but deep in our hearts we know it isn't. During warm-ups we are concentrating on what we have to do to win this game. We look at the clock, only three minutes left until the game. We can't believe that the time has come, we don't feel ready. The horn sounds, only one minute left. We line up for the national anthem and focus on getting mentally ready.

The anthem is over. The names are being announced. We run through hi-fives with our teammates. The game begins. We are losing; our first reaction is to give up, but there is something inside that tells us we won't be satisfied if we give up. There is still a chance.

The game is over. What we were afraid of has come. People who have been there all season are now around, and we feel their support. The process of learning and gaining new experience begins all over. We mature and grow as people, exactly what high school is supposed to teach us.



Sophomore Kara Hatle will be pitching for the Eagles softball team this spring. She is one of seven players returning from last year's roster.

Eagles aim for winning season

by Ryan Raschke
Graphos Reporter

The Eagles' softball team is looking at the upcoming season very optimistically. Seven players return from last year's roster. Coach Jim Pearson expects seniors to be the leaders, but there are also some new faces. This season's pitchers will most likely be senior Becky Retka and sophomores Kara Hatle and Mary Ruby. Also returning from last year is sophomore power hitter Polly Stark.

The Eagles have set some goals for the season. Their main goal is to win the South Central Conference. Last year they recorded an ordi-

nary 11-11 record. The team feels that they can win the conference again. Their second goal is to beat the teams that beat them last season. If they accomplish these two goals, they will, in all likelihood, achieve their third goal, which is to be a winning ball club.

There will be some obstacles along the way. In the conference the toughest competition will be U.S.C. and St. Peter. Both of those teams are strong and have good athletes. The Eagles begin their quest for a winning season when they open with Waseca on April 9.

Golf: a par-fect sport fore everyone



Josh Quandahl works on his long iron game during an early season practice.

by Melissa Stolt
Graphos Reporter

Spring is in the air and people are beginning to think about warmer weather, sunny skies, lush green grass, and golf.

At the senior high, occasional phrases of "I can't wait for golf to start" are being heard more and more. Those people need not wait any longer because sign up was held on the 17th for the boys and on the 18th for the girls.

Contrary to popular belief, golf is not a sport for just retired folks wearing beanies and plaid knickers. While golf may not be considered one of the more strenuous sports, it is one that uses both mental and physical abilities. It takes a lot of concentration, accuracy, and control. This aspect is

why many people are drawn to the game.

Junior Paula Zwach says she enjoys golf because "It's outside and it's challenging because you have to concentrate a lot. If you screw up, it throws everything off."

What exactly does it take to be a good golfer? Junior Jerod Spilman said, "Consistency and patience. Right now, I'm working on my consistency. It's one of the more difficult parts of my game."

Practices begin inside after school in the wrestling gym, where the boys' and girls' teams practice their swing, form, grip, and stance. The teams alternate inside practices every other day. When the weather permits, both teams will practice outside everyday at the New Ulm Country Club. There they might practice driving, putting, or chipping in the practice area or play a quick nine.

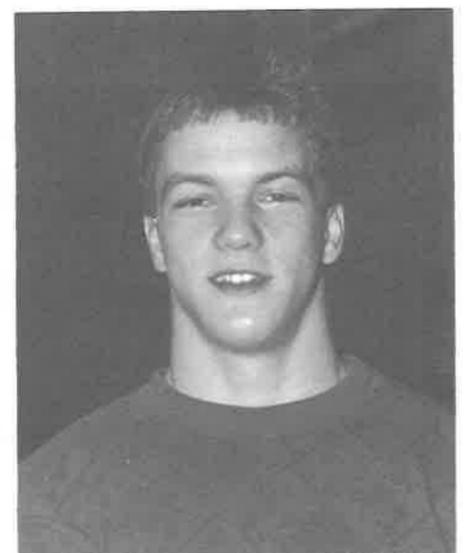
Coaching these enthusiastic golfers is John Ingebritson, the girls' coach, and Bob Voves, the boys' coach. "We've generally finished in the top three or four in the conference," said Ingebritson. "We're looking for our first girl to go to state. We have a lot of girls returning since we only lost one senior last year." Thirty-two girls have signed up for the team.

Voves also seemed satisfied with his team's performance and is confident about this year: "Our last entrant in state was two years ago. We have qualifiers, one or two, now and then. There are a lot of good players this year. It's going to be hard to pick an A squad. Lots of competition." Twenty-five competitors to be exact.

"Golf is a lifetime sport," said Ingebritson. "It's something you can always use. Anyone can play it." And play it they do.



Junior Maggie Roiger warms up before working on her golf swing.



Senior Chad Hoffmann competed in the state wrestling tournament at the St. Paul Civic Center.



An Eagle batter takes his cuts in the batting cage.

Baseball team swings into action

by Jerod Spilman
Graphos Reporter

Baseball is the single institution, next to music, for which the city of New Ulm is noted. People in the town love baseball and expect their teams to win. Will this year be similar to last year's remarkable third place finish in the state baseball tournament?

According to head baseball coach **Jim Senske**, this year's team will be hard to compare to last year's. "We lost a lot of the heavy hitting that we had last year." However, he is optimistic about the upcoming season. "Hitting has to come from new sources and keeping with tradition, it will," said Senske.

The varsity team returns a few of last year's third place team including Jay Backer, Ed Tietel, Jason Rewitzer, and Scott Schafer. Newcomers include infielders Craig Linbo and Lonny Rathmann. Potential outfielders are Chad Hoffmann, Jeff Fitterer, Chad Portner, Scott Abraham, Chad Zobel, Troy Kamm, Chad Wilson, and Dana Muchow. Some are letter winners and will help the

team while others plan to make a strong showing for a varsity spot.

As for the pitching staff, the Eagles will be helped once again by the arms of Nate McClellan and Ryan Raschke. Raschke said, "New Ulm has always been strong on defense, and by minimizing the balls hit out of the infield, we won't have to score as many runs." McClellan, however, said, "We are going to have to fill positions left by last year's seniors." Behind-the-plate duties will be filled by Kurt Moelter, who thinks the Eagles' strength this year is pitching.

Another important factor is luck, which last year went in favor of #1-rated Stillwater. The Eagles were upset 1-0 by Stillwater in the semifinals of the state tournament last year and believe they have a score to settle.

At this point, the baseball team is filled with anticipation about the upcoming season. With a 24-3 finish last year, the team is looking for another state tournament appearance. Their season begins April 9th against Waseca at Johnson Park.

Tracksters stride into new season

by Rachel Swantz
Graphos reporter

The 1992 track season began March 9. People are hurrying to purchase their track shoes and new clothes for this spring sport and switching their thinking to a positive mode, for that is the only way to start a new season.

Jason Boesch, a 2 mile distance runner, said, "I like track because it's a sign of spring. And spring means that summer is right around the corner."

Zac Colburn, a shot put and discus thrower, also looks forward to the season. "This should be a very exceptional year due to the experience that will be carried over from last year's juniors. However, senior **Eric Crabtree** said, "The relay teams, pole-vaulters, and long jumpers have to work harder to replace last year's seniors."

"I'm looking forward to his season as a sophomore, because there might be more opportunity for me to be in more events, and I won't be a little freshman any more," said **Randi Ubl**.

Although track is a team sport consisting of running and field events, it is up to the team's individuals and their performances to win the meet.

Most field events are for both boys and girls, with exceptions for pole vault and triple jump, which are for boys only. The other field events are shot put, discus, high jump, and long jump.

Shot put is the push of a heavy ball in a motion called a put to see how far the heavy ball can be thrown. A discus is a five pound weight in the form of a frisbee that is thrown for distance from a circle. The high jump involves running to a bar, leaping over it and landing in a soft pit. After completing the jump successfully the bar is raised higher.

In the long jump a running start is used to take off from one foot and landing in a sand pit. Arm movement can be a help to increase the distance jump.

The triple jump is a run followed by two jumps from the same foot before a final long jump off the other foot. The goal is to jump as



Junior Niki Wirtz and Senior Megan Roebbeke help each other prepare for their work out.

far as possible in three jumps.

Pole vault, an event for boys, requires running down a runway with a pole, slipping it in the vaulting box, followed by the difficult vault over the bar suspended in the air.

The running events consist of four categories: distance, sprints, hurdles, and relays. Spikes are used in the sprints and hurdles for more traction and speed.

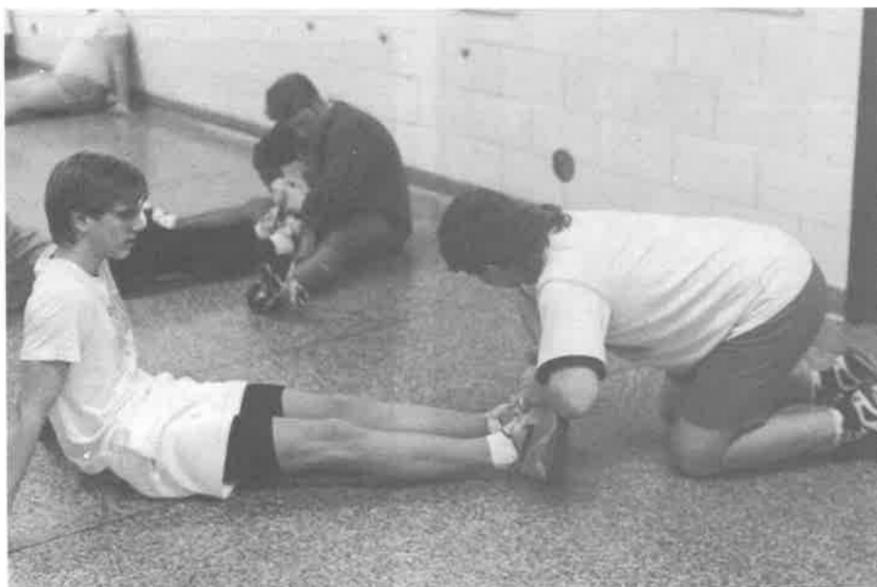
Distance running includes the 1600 meter run, best known as the mile run, and the 3200 meter run or 2 mile. Distance running obviously requires a lot of endurance and conditioning.

Sprints are short distance races that include the 100, 200, 400, and 800 meter runs.

The relays consist of four runners with each running the same distance and passing a baton each time a runner completes their distance. Coordination and speed are needed because dropping the baton loses precious time for the relay team. This year the boys and girls have the same distances, 4x100, 4x400, and 4x800 relays.

Hurdles are an event for both boys and girls; however, a different size hurdle is used. The boys race with the 110 meter high hurdle and a 300 meter intermediate hurdle. The girls run the 110 meter intermediate hurdles and the 300 meter low hurdles.

As you can see, track requires many athletes competing in numerous events so go out and enjoy their performances this spring.



Zac Colburn helps Jeremy Booth stretch before track practice.