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Andy Kitzberger, Angie Koons, and Lisa Albrecht took part in the Halloween costume competition.

## Halloween spirits spook young souls

by Keri Bunkers  
Graphos Reporter

The turning of the leaves to red and orange signals the coming of fall and a favorite holiday of children and those young at heart. Whether one likes to be scared or do the scaring, Halloween is a fun day for all.

In our thoughts of ghosts and goblins, the origin of Halloween is often forgotten or simply unknown. Halloween gets its name from England where October 31st was called All Hallows E'en. In the Roman Catholic Church November 1st is All Saints' Day, when all the saints are commemorated. November 2nd is known as All Souls' Day, which is a time to pray for departed souls who were believed to be in purgatory.

Many Indo-Hispanic cultures believe that on All Saints' and Souls' Day their deceased relatives return to ensure that they are not forgotten and that everything is well with the living. This time is now known as the Day of the Dead and is actually a joyous celebration.

For us, however, Halloween has had more of an eery, morbid twist. Everyone has at one time or another put on a ghoulish mask and fake blood in hopes of scaring the pants off someone. In fact, frightening sights can be seen every year in the halls of NUHS as monsters, witches, princesses, and pumpkins creep over from Jefferson Elementary to "scare" us and share the Halloween spirit.

Those were the good old days, when in the beginning of October

we'd all be buzzing about what to dress up as that year, who would go trick-or-treating together, and how much candy we thought we'd collect.

There are still many die hards out there - students who say trick-or-treating isn't just for the youngsters. **Shannon Clobes** and **Laura Howk** still laugh about when they and **Kelly Portner** were "hippies" in 1991 and went out during the big blizzard. "We were caked with snow and it seemed like we were the only ones out! We had ice cycles hanging from our hair!" Halloween is definitely a favorite for these faithful trick-or-treaters!

Memories of the array of costumes worn year after year bring smiles to some faces. **Angie Clobes** remembers a particularly "interesting" costume as a child. "I remember when I was a witch with a glow-in-the-dark shirt and neon green pants! It was my mom's idea!"

Some costumes of the past were painful. **Rich Flores** remembers when as a sophomore he dressed as a caveman. "I had to look dirty and so I grabbed charcoal and scraped it on my arms. It scratched me and [my skin] was red for awhile."

For those who miss those crazy costumes NUHS has a costume contest every year. It is always a blast to see everyone all decked out. Prizes are awarded for the most creative and/or extravagant. Past winners have been Baby Huey, Frankenstein and his

## Economics classes fire up their Harleys

by Navada Hillesheim  
Graphos Reporter

"Does anybody have any money?" For several weeks **Ed Weber's** economic students have been hearing this familiar question at the beginning of class. For the last several years Weber has been sponsoring a class project in which common stock are actually purchased to provide a real learning experience for his students.

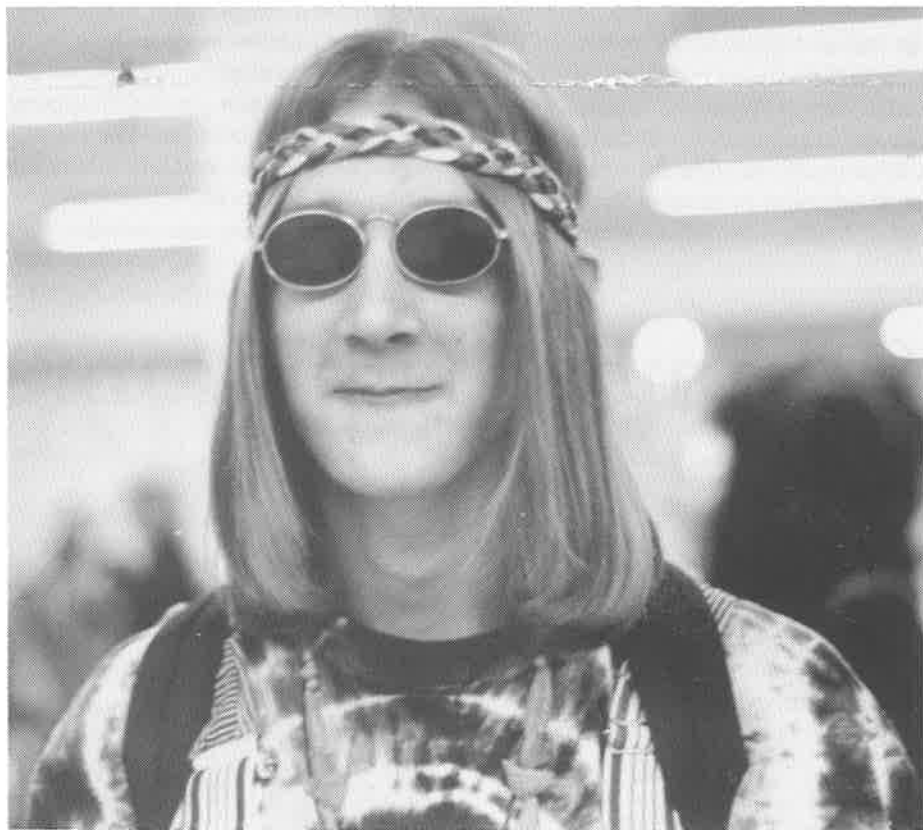
This year's students have invested over \$900 in another common stock. They were given four choices: Best Buy, Harley Davidson, Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing, and PepsiCo. Weber and his students opted for 35 shares of Harley Davidson.

Weber has made investing in

stocks an enjoyable and safe learning experience. Students are assured that they won't lose any money. **Adam Horton** said, "This is a good experience because even if the stock prices go down, you will still get the original amount of money you [invested] back. "It's a no lose situation," **Shannon Clobes** said.

The students own the stock until the end of the semester, when Weber buys back the stock at the current market price. If the stock loses value, they will not lose any money because he pays the students the amount they initially invested. And the best part is if the stock appreciates, he pays the increased price.

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Ben Schaper stepped back in time for the hippie look of the 60's.

bride, Raggedy Ann, Beetlejuice, Cat Woman, and Pippy Longstocking.

Halloween consists of pranks ranging from scaring friends to smashing pumpkins. A great stunt was pulled a few years ago when a group of students filled our courtyard with pumpkin leaf bags that were formerly displayed on lawns around town.

Stunts like that often bring back memories of mischief for NUHS teachers. Spanish teacher **Allen Hoffman** recalls when he and a friend were throwing tomatoes at cars on Halloween when his dad drove by. Before Hoffman could warn his friend, he threw a huge tomato at Hoffman's dad's car.

"I'm not sure if my dad knew who it was or not."

Some people regard Halloween as a spooky night and others, a magical one. **Laura Prechel** recalls driving her sister to a friend's house on Summit Avenue and looking out over the town. The moon was huge and orange "and it made everything kind of eery. It was the perfect Halloween scene."

Undoubtedly, Halloween is a day to which many look forward. Somehow creepy costumes, ghoulish ghost stories, and loads of candy make everyone feel like a kid again.



Adam Starz stacks up all his books for the day's classes.

# Join in the fun



by Emily Crabtree  
Graphos Columnist

Have you ever heard someone say, "Homecoming, big deal"? Well, they're exactly right; it is a big deal. It is not only a week of anticipation and fun but also a tone setter, the springboard that vaults us over the monotony of a school year without spirit. It's the first major event of the year so it's essential to get off to a strong start.

Homecoming Week is always meaningful, especially for the seniors. Coronation seems to bring a sense of closeness among the soon-to-be graduates and possibly a realization that this is their last homecoming. As the excitement builds for the crowning night, so does the pressure put on those who are organizing the event. However, the tension is quickly forgotten when these individuals see the enthusiasm felt by all who the attend coronation.

The next morning many students were wearing their purple and white colors in preparation for cheering their team on to victory. The upper classmen stepped up by getting involved in the pepfest and encouraging the underclassmen to join in the fun.

One last opportunity to build more spirit came with the homecoming parade, which let the whole community get in on the fun.

When game time finally arrived, the players were more than ready. Though the game didn't turn out like we had hoped, they gave us a nail biting fourth quarter. The dance following the game finalized the festivities and gave us the opportunity to unwind and have fun.

We've jumped out to a spirited start this year because of our successful homecoming activities. They are an important part of the year so get involved and remain active in all the other school activities. Don't stand on the outside. Step up and participate. You'd be amazed at what could happen in our school.

## Sophomores haven't a clue

by Gabe Kaven  
Special Assignment

Every year a new class of sophomores join the senior high school. And every year they provide many laughs for the upperclassmen. This year has been no exception. I felt it was my obligation to bring a few things to your attention.

One of the first things I noticed was that the Principals' Office forgot to put some information on your class schedules. In case some of you are unaware, you're all assigned to a certain green rectangle. I like to call it a locker. That means you don't have to carry all of your worldly possessions on your shoulder.

The next thing that caught my eye was your choice of attire. Now don't get me wrong; I'm all for being an individual. However, when you can take your pants off without unbuttoning them, that's

usually an indication that they might be a wee bit big. I've also noticed that a lot of sophomores have taken a special liking toward earrings. I thought that's just what they were, "ear" rings. Enough said. I'm just like any other ordinary Joe. I enjoy a little splash of color here and there, but blue and pink hair? What's up with that?

I know that many seniors run down to lunch, and if you want to run also, that's cool. But it doesn't really matter if you beat us down to lunch because we'll still take our proper place at the front of the line.

If some of you sophomores are offended by these observations, lighten up. I'd offer you my sincere condolences, but I don't have any. The only consolation I can offer is that in two years you will be able to write an article of your own. It's just too bad you won't be able to write about us.

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Previous classes have bought Hormel, Home Depot, Jostens, McDonald's, Wal Mart, and Chrysler. McDonald's was bought in the late 80s. Since then the stock has had a two for one split and has almost doubled in value.

The main objective is to present

some reality to the study of stocks and bonds. During the next few months econ students will receive an actual stock certificate, quarterly and annual reports, and dividend checks. They'll also learn how to read the stock market listings while enjoying a different approach to learning about some aspect of economics.

So if you want a taste of the stock market without the risk of losing any money, bring your check book to the next economics class.



Senior guys hangout in the hallway before class.

## Letters

The Graphos welcomes the opinions of our readers in letters addressed "To the Editors." Each letter must be signed by the writer. It should be short and to the point in order to ensure their publication without condensation.

# King's critic

by Ryan Nelson  
Graphos Columnist

If you think of a Stephen King novel or movie, you'll probably think of blood and guts labeled with an ominous title. So a novella (short story) like Rita Hayworth and the Shawshank Redemption wouldn't fit the mold of blood, guts, and ominous titles.

The story, (which is now a new movie with a somewhat shorter title), takes place in the late 1940's at the Shawshank maximum security prison. That is where Andy Dufresne, a banker from Maine, is sent to serve two life sentences for two murders he did not commit.

The prosecution convinced the jury that he had killed his wife Linda and her lover. It is there at Shawshank where Andy joins the ranks of the men who are in for life. He does not give in to the mind set that the others have formed. He doesn't become comfortable with the control in prison as the others have. He doesn't give in to the guards or the sisters. Even though prison may be more of a physical prison for him than the other prisoners, he



doesn't fall into the prison of hopelessness like the others.

Although Rita Hayworth and the Shawshank Redemption do not have the normal Stephen King's blood and guts, it's still written in his down to earth and somewhat eerie writing style. But if you're looking for suspense and big prison brawls, it's not here. You can find the story in Stephen King's collection of four mini novels called **Different Seasons**.

The book might be difficult to find, but I think it's worth the search.

# editorial

## Another dream



by Betty Wetherell  
Graphos Editor

"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character." Martin Luther King Jr. spoke these words over 30 years ago.

His dream is now a reality, but the battle isn't over. Today's society accepts people of different skin color, but what they won't accept is people of different character.

To define character is to define individualism. To be an individual is to be who you want to be. We often forget what it is to be

an individual. We seem to follow trends without even realizing it. Oftentimes being unique only leads to conformity.

It isn't always easy to be an individual. Sometimes we look down on individualism. It is not our fault that we judge people as harshly as we do. We are brought up in a society in which to be different is wrong, but the times are changing and we need to change with it.

I'm not saying that people should be allowed to do whatever they want; however, they should be allowed to be whoever they want. Everyone has the right to express themselves, and we need to accept individualism.

Our nation depends on individuals who express themselves. How else would so many things be invented and so many different forms of music be composed. This nation thrives on individualism so we should learn to accept it even in our small community.

Discrimination isn't only a color issue. It's treating someone unfairly because we don't approve of what they stand for. We see this kind of discrimination everyday at school. It has to stop before conformity rules our minds.

## Common complaints

by Sam Tuttle  
Graphos Reporter

I realize that this is my first column so I should be full of ideas about what to write, but frankly I can't think of anything. Instead, I will happily complain about a few things that have been bothering me.

First of all, I think that our school looks boring. There is no life to it. Look at our walls - they are blank except for the occasional SADD sign, which is left over from the previous week's meeting or a Josten's "Get Your Class Ring" sign. There is no mention of any student activities, no signs telling the sports teams "Good Luck," or the kids in the play to break a leg. Most of the time the cheerleaders are the only ones who break the monotony by placing signs in the cafeteria. I hate to compare, but I will anyway. Monticello High School is bright and colorful from the first time you go into it. Students paint large boards mentioning individuals' accomplishments and offering encouragement to others. The rest of the school has posters hanging on the walls. It's great. Yes, we have the rock and it's wonderful, but couldn't we have more?

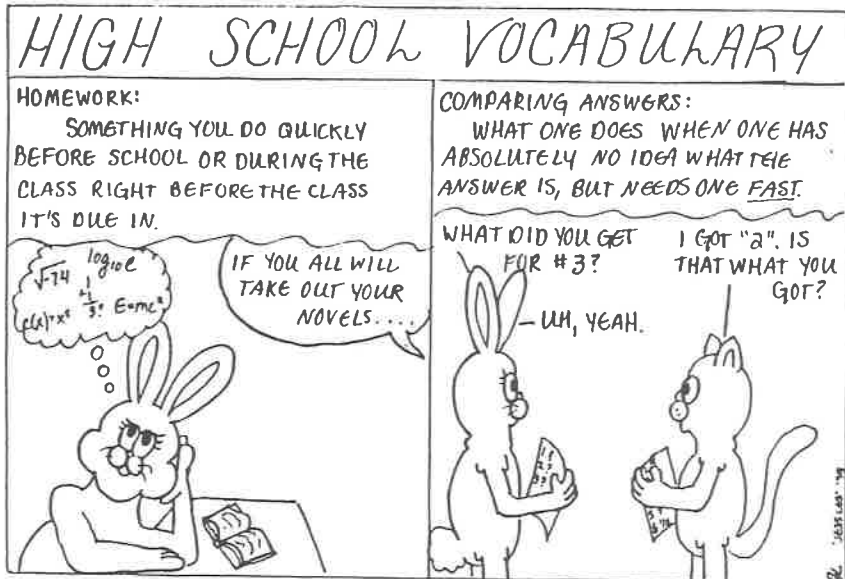


### Second Gripe

I am seventeen years old and will be going to college next year. I expect to see a huge change in life style and responsibility, but I'm not there yet.

I don't think it's possible to count how many times a teacher has told me this assignment or test is to be done a certain way because that's what it is like in college. I will find out what college is like when I get there, for now I'd prefer to be treated like a high school student, which is what I am.

This does not mean, however, that I want to be treated as if I am stupid. I will do just fine on my



## Aren't A's good enough anymore?

by Melissa Larsen  
Graphos Columnist

So it's now official. The old days of our 3.5 A honor roll are gone. Many felt that GPA was too low, myself included, so a change was necessary, but I think the change to 3.8 is too high. As a matter of fact, ridiculously high.

Though I was able to speak with the chairman of the committee that changed the honor roll qualifications, I still do not completely understand the reasoning behind such a drastic change.

Some comments referred to the hope that the increased standard would encourage students to work harder. I don't think this would always be the case. Of course, some students may try harder and meet the challenge, but wouldn't others give up at the same time? How many students will study, write, and do extra-credit for a goal that may be impossible to attain? I would suggest few.

With the 3.8 GPA standard the A honor roll will include only a few people. A student's report card would have to be all A's and only one B or straight A's. I don't know about you, but my report cards hardly look that good.

Well, since it has happened, all we can do now is look at the bright side. (Yes, there are some). First of all, your cumulative GPA is not affected by this change.

own. (I'm not saying I don't need help or advice, I need both, but in general I am old enough to ask for it.) In addition, I hate it when we are spoken to in a group and referred to as "you people" over and over again. Our futures are discussed as if they are locked in a chest somewhere and only the speaker has the key. I'll find my own key, thank you.



Another advantage is the fact that seniors and juniors aren't really affected by this change. Unfortunately sophomores are because they are first coming into this grading system. Seniors and

juniors have the advantage because the system realizes it's unfair to us to suddenly flip the system when we have had no time to prepare for it, or no way of going back to change things.

If you have more questions, talk to your teachers. I'm sure they'd be more than willing to talk about it as long as you don't bring up the subject during class.

If you don't like the way things are, start talking, start asking questions, start getting the facts, and stand up for what you believe is right.

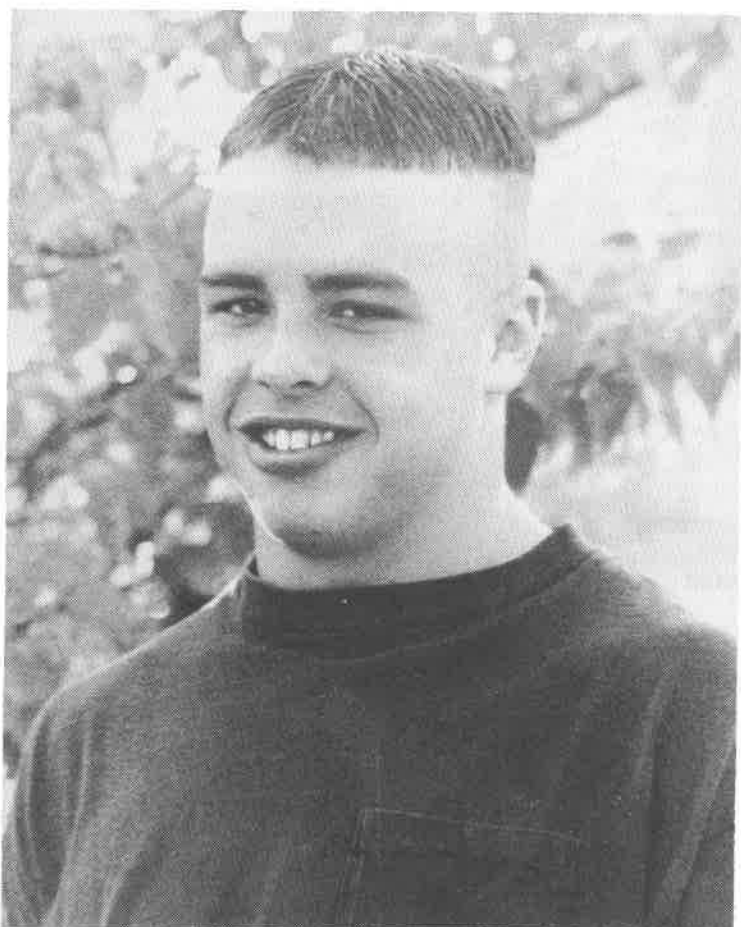
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# people



Transfer student Michael DeBeau has easily adjusted to NUHS.

## Du-New guy is Michael DuBeau

by Sarah Oetken  
Graphos Reporter

The last place you'd expect a big city kid move to is a small German town. Well, New Ulm is where former Chicago resident, **Michael DuBeau**, now lives.

DuBeau, a senior, moved from Hoffman Estates in the northwest suburb of Chicago, Illinois. Living with his mom and stepdad, New Ulm is now his new home. He is the only boy in his family, but he has three sisters. His youngest sister Jodi is the only one living at home.

To DuBeau, New Ulm and the senior high school are much different from Chicago. The major contrasts between James B. Conant High School and NUHS are the size: about 4,500 students in DuBeau's old school compared to an approximate 660 in NUHS is a big change. About a third of the 4,500 students in his school were in the senior class. The differences in enrollment obviously reflect the populations of the two cities. DuBeau said that New Ulm is boring compared to Chicago with its variety of activities and places to go.

Regarding the adjustment needed for moving to New Ulm, DuBeau said that it wasn't hard to move. The people in New Ulm are nice and easy to get along with. He said that participating in athletics has enabled him to meet people and make friends.

DuBeau is a starting outside linebacker on the varsity football team. Besides football, he plans to join the wrestling team this

winter. He has been wrestling for four years with two years varsity experience.

Some of DuBeau's hobbies and interests are hunting, camping, and fishing. He loves the outdoors and spends time at his family's cabin in the Wisconsin Dells. He also enjoys going to parties and relaxing. DuBeau's favorite subjects in school are math and physical education.

Future plans are also set.

"I plan to join the Marines. Then go to college and become a cop." A job after high school is also on his list of future plans. He wants to live in a big city suburb again and own a log cabin.

by April Deinken  
Graphos Reporter

**Amy Twait** is just one of NUHS's first year teachers, but she has taken on more than just teaching. She is teaching American Literature and Communications in addition to assuming the responsibility of Student Council Advisor. Needless to say, Twait will have a busy year.

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South Pacific cast members are hard at work getting ready for opening night.

## School musical explores wartime "South Pacific"

by Brian Varland  
Graphos Reporter

Preparations are now being made to present "South Pacific," a musical production, on the weekend of November 18-20, 1994.

The two in charge of this year's musical are **Al Hawkins** and **Al Alvig**. Hawkins is the producer/music director while Alvig serves as director.

Some of Hawkins' duties as producer involve managing people and organizing various aspects of the show. "It's my job to organize it so everyone else can do their part more easily," said Hawkins. As musical director, he will direct every musical aspect of the show including singing and the pit orchestra.

Alvig's duties as director include choosing the crew, interpreting stage directions, casting characters, conducting rehearsals, and directing the cast on stage.

A lot of work goes into producing a musical. Preparing the various aspects of this musical includes music, acting, choreography, sets, costumes, props, makeup, publicity, and other technical

aspects. There are over 75 people working on this year's musical, and they'll all have to work together to produce a good show.

The casting for "South Pacific" took place in mid-September. Auditions were held on a Tuesday night and callbacks were held the following Saturday. The auditions included reading and singing. Alvig and Hawkins cast people according to singing and acting ability and individual interpretations of each role. Alvig considers a person for a role if they fit his physical conception of the role.

**Mandy Hoffmann**, a cast member, said, "It involves a lot of practice but it's a lot of fun." Student director **Amanda Furth** said, "It's fun to see how the musical is progressing." "It's potentially an incredible production that everyone will want to see," Hawkins said.

The musical will be performed at 7:30 p.m. on November 18 and 19 and at 3:00 p.m. on November 20. Tickets cost \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students and will go on sale Monday, November 7, at HyVee, Randall's, the Chamber of Commerce, and from cast members.

## New teacher follows family lead

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When asked what led her interest to teaching, she smiled, "I've always wanted to be a teacher."

She couldn't picture being anything else and felt education was the right choice for her. Teaching is something her parents also felt was the "right choice." They are both teachers. "I like interacting with students and trying to help them out," said Twait. She said English and communication skills are needed improvements in most kids, and she wants to be a part of that improvement.

She enjoys spending what free time she has with her friends and family. She is also a good spectator at sporting events. So keep an eye out for Twait in and out of school.



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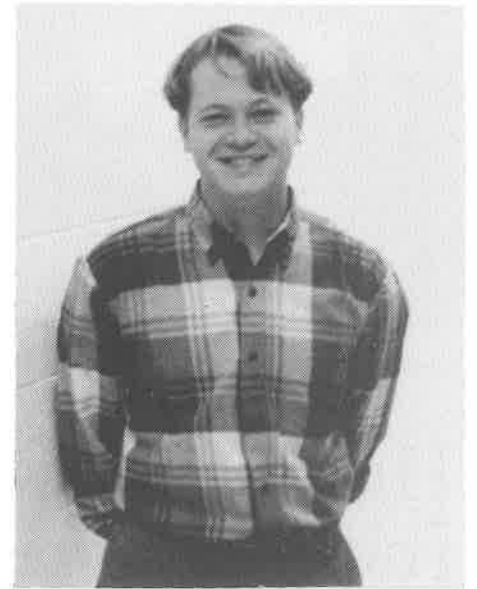
# Band plays to a new beat

by Char Tuttle  
Graphos Reporter

At the homecoming game, Johnson Park was filled with excited fans, cheerleaders, and football players, all with their own expectations. When the band begins playing the school song, a new face is directing the band, **Steven Skadberg**.

This is Skadberg's first year at NUHS, but he's no rookie. He has had experience at two other schools. After graduating from Concordia College with a B.M. with saxophone performance and Music Education, he went to Badger, Minnesota. There he taught music K-12 and directed the junior and senior high choirs and bands. He moved to Stephen, Minnesota, to teach elementary and instrumental music in grades 5-12.

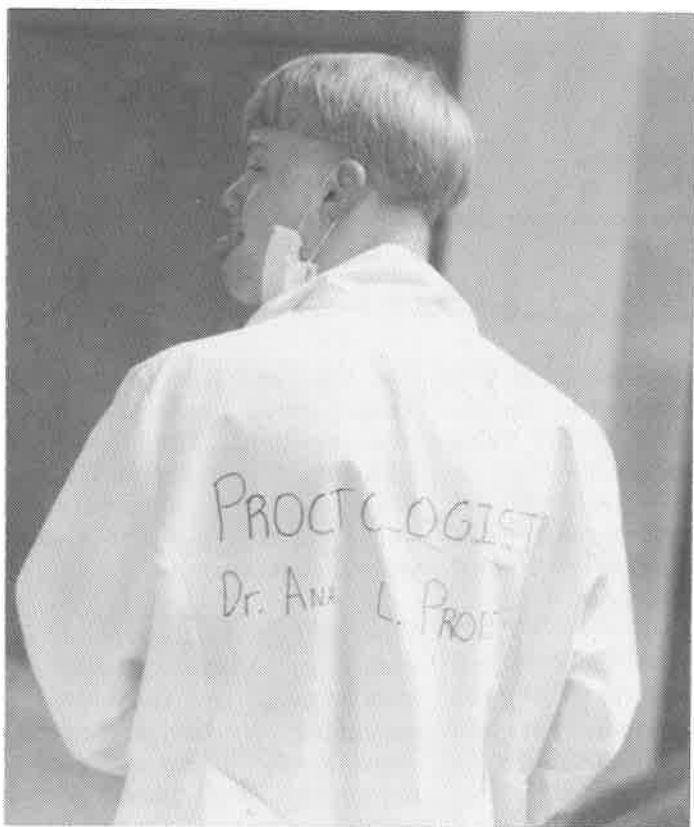
Skadberg said he's always been interested in music. He prefers performing classical music on the saxophone but finds all types of music enjoyable. He also enjoys skiing, tennis, camping, but most of all, is a "movie-fanatic."



New band director Steven Skadberg enjoys all types of music.

He's finding the people of New Ulm friendly and the town reminds him of a larger version of Stephen, where he enjoyed living.

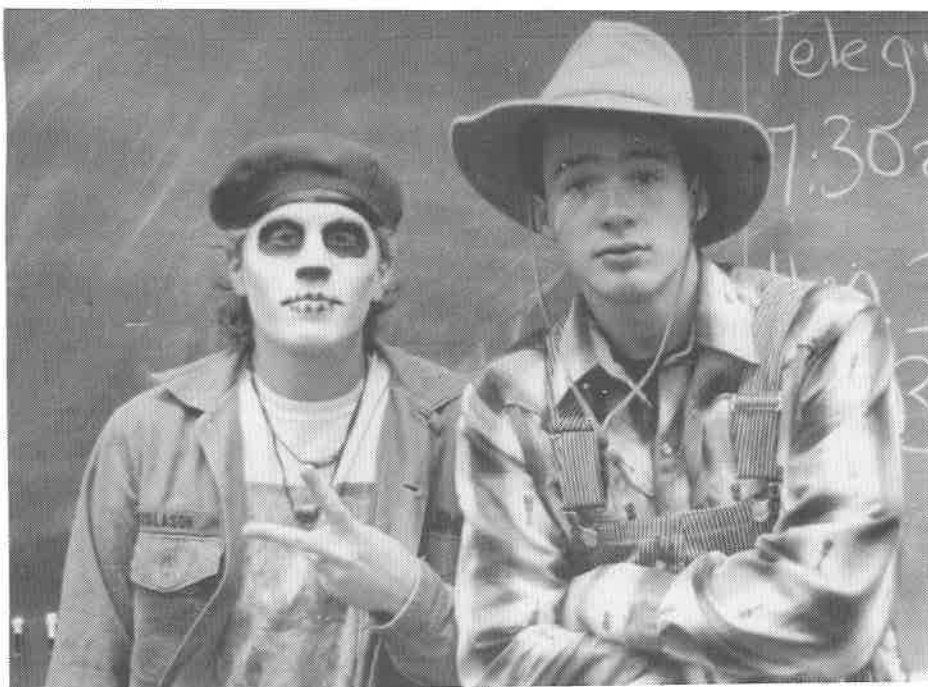
He hopes to get more kids interested in band. He would like a larger band and budget so they can have more music and an instrument for everyone who wants to play.



Troy Tepley got a lot of laughs for his costume.



Katie Anderson and Bryn Untiedt show their Halloween spirit.



Travis Gislason and Ted Wirtz dressed up for Halloween.



This group of senior girls made everybody hungry for Halloween candy.

# Just hanging around

Mandy Weinkauf  
Graphos Reporter

On a normal Friday night in New Ulm do you know where your friends are? Even though it might be hard to believe, there aren't too many places to choose from. If you're stuck driving around by yourself, there are a few places you might want to check out.

First, there's the ever popular "Golden Arches." After the big games, or even some dull weekend nights, McDonalds is always the place to be.

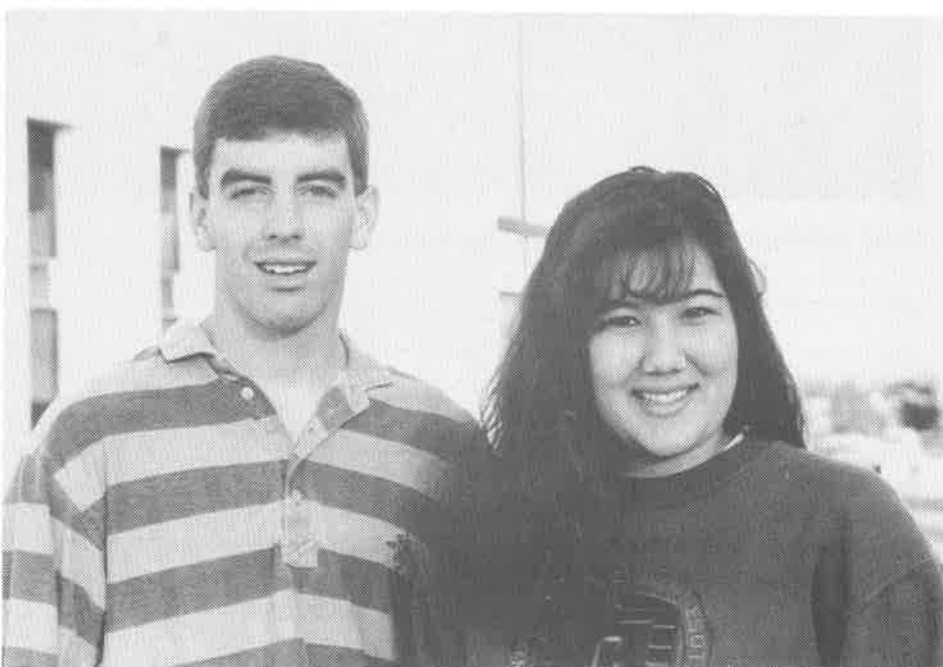
If that idea doesn't pan out, head on over to one of your friends' houses. No, this doesn't necessarily mean that their parents are gone. But just sitting around and talking or renting a movie are always great options.

By this time your gas tank is probably running low. On your

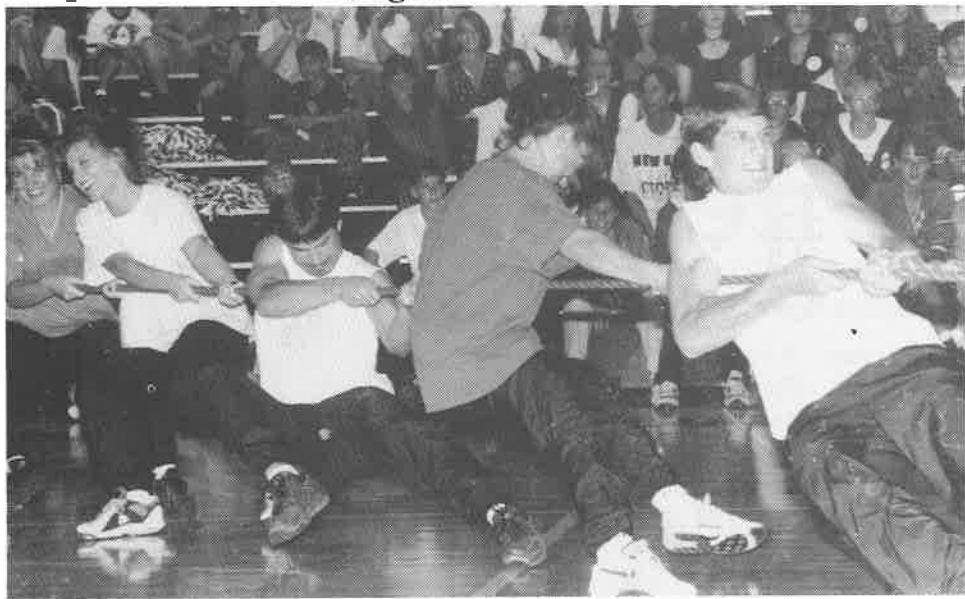
way out to Texaco you could always go back to where you started. Parking lots are always a good way to see who's out. The Godfathers and Pamida parking lot is a wonderful location. Not only is it right on Broadway, but it's next to McDonalds.

Now that you've picked up a few friends and have a full tank of gas, you are pretty much set. If **Eric Fenske** happens to be one of the horde piled in your car, he might tell you to "Head on down to the tressels or under the bridge, ya know."

Unfortunately, whether you have a curfew, you have to journey back home sometime. If you found your friends sometime during the evening, this Friday night was probably a productive one.



Terry Smith and Betty Wetherell are this year's Graphos editors.



Brady, Mandy, Ryan, Jill, and Missy hope to pull their way to a victory.

## Homecoming memories recall wonderful week

by Annie Tietema  
Graphos Reporter

As the marching band stood in a circular formation, NUHS students hoped for a homecoming victory over Redwood Valley. The band, cheerleaders, danceline, flag squad, student council, and all the football players spent weeks preparing for the spectacle. It was all of their hard work that made Homecoming 1994 a week that will not soon be forgotten.

Coronation night launched the festivities with a bang. The first one was the echo of cheers heard throughout the gym. The cheerleaders' rhythms and pyramid building skills enhanced their cheers "Look Out" and "Up and Down." The danceline rocked the floor with some funky choreography by **Renee Purrier** to a song called "Sesame Street." In addition, they did a flashlight routine that has become somewhat of a tradition to "Catch My Fall." Another highlight was the lip sync contest in which **Eric Fenske, Andy Johnson, Troy Tepely, and Ted Wirtz** walked away with first place for their interpretation of the Beastie Boys' hit "Sure Shot." The Payne Street Singers added an upbeat version of "Choo-choo, chaboggie."

The evening culminated with the

crowning of the homecoming king and queen. One by one the court members were introduced. Last year's king **Duncan Larson** assisted by throwing a football to the new king, **Ted Wirtz**. Each of the queen escorts were given an egg, one of which contained confetti signifying this year's queen. **Brad Moos** ended the suspense by showering **Mandy Weinkauff** with silver sparkles.

Friday was Purple and White Day and also a time for more pep fests. An added touch this year was an outdoor picnic lunch prepared and served by the faculty.

The parade marched through downtown before ending at Johnson Park where the evening's football game with Redwood began.

The band entertained the large homecoming crowd at half time with some selections from "The Lion King," and the flag squad, headed by **Stacy Hauser**, executed a routine to "Circle of Life."

Homecoming Week 1994 will be remembered by many whose spirit made this an event cherished by both the students and faculty. Newly crowned queen **Weinkauff** said it best, "It went by really fast, and I guess that kind of shows how this year will be."

## My Blue Sky vacation

by Andrea Bieraugel  
Graphos Reporter

Did I have fun on my vacation? Well, I don't know, you decide.

First, I traveled to **One West Waikiki** on a **Sea Quest** to **Pick my Brain**. There was **Thunder in Paradise** when **The Mommies** charged at me. They were angry because their **Boys are Back** and **The Nanny** quit. "**Heaven Help us**," they exclaimed. "We're **Muddling Through** because there's no **Burke's Law** around the house."

I said, "This is the **Turning Point** I'm going to **South Central**, **NYPD Blue** because I'm a

**Fortune Hunter** and this is no life for me."

Immediately I felt I had **Wings** and that there were **Blue Skies**. I needed to sow my **Wild Oats** so I went **New York Undercover**. The mafia was **Due South** because I had seen their **X Files** so they wanted to play **Hardball**. Luckily I was part of **Robin's Hoods** so I know how to handle a **Party of Five**. I was one of **Daddy's Girls**; now it was just **Me and the Boys**. I had been bruised pretty badly from the fight so they rushed me toward **ER** with **Sirens** blaring at **Chicago Hope**.

## NUHS is on TARGET

by Laura Marti  
Graphos Reporter

Wanted: High school students who want to become involved in Target. For more information, keep reading. Team Target is a Minnesota State High School League sponsored group that stresses peer leadership and chemical-free activities.

In the past, Target has hosted several open-gym nights throughout the school year and invited all NUHS students to participate in a variety of activities, including basketball and volleyball. These occasions are completely student-planned and always chemical-free. Snacks and soda are provided free of charge, although there usually is a small fee at the door. The open-gym nights provide students with an opportunity to have a fun-filled evening without the use of chemicals.

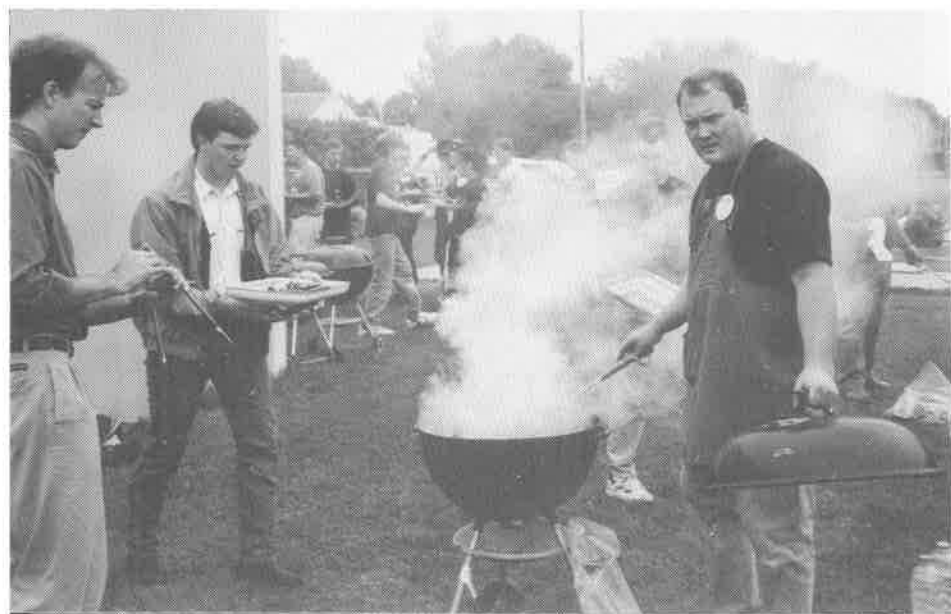
Any high school student who is or has been involved in at least one Minnesota State High School League team or group is eligible to be in Target. This includes choir, band and cheerleading. If there is a question about whether or not a student meets the qualifications, contact Target's faculty advisor, **David Curry**. There is no fee required to join Target. Beginning this year, student-leaders are going to be nominated by coaches and directors to become a part of Target. Student leadership will be especially emphasized in meetings and activities. "We're hoping to move in a new direction with the Target program and really get students involved in leadership," said Curry.

For the first time the New Ulm Target group has a president and vice-president. They are seniors, **Shannon Clobes** and **Christie Wiesner** respectively, who volunteered to assist Curry at meetings and events.

When describing a typical Target meeting, Clobes said, "The meetings are informal and easygoing. We basically shout out ideas about our future event, like open-gyms, and decide on which activities would be the most fun."

"With the new direction we're taking, I hope meetings will be a time for the student leaders to talk about problems they're having in their activity and work out solutions together," said Curry. Frequently, Target meetings occur Friday mornings at 7:45 a.m. in room 209. Notices are posted in the halls and in the daily announcements. Invitations to attend the meetings will be given to those students selected by coaches and directors.

Last year Target had approximately 20 members who attended regularly. "Having more members would be great. We could plan a number of different activities and have them more often," said Curry. Area Target groups throughout Region 2AA typically have a much larger membership than New Ulm's. As a result, these groups host a variety of events, such as student volleyball tournaments and lock-ins.



Scott Stuckey grilled hot dogs for the homecoming cook out.

This is when I had an out of body experience and was **Touched by an Angel** who said I was an **All American Girl** but it looked like I wouldn't be at **Model's Inc.** for awhile.

When I woke up I watched the

**Newz for My So Called Life**. They said the **Madman** mafia leader was **Under Suspicion** because his **Friends** had done **Something Wilder** with their money and had bought **Law and Order**.

Ooh **Sweet Justice** prevails.

## Exorcize the ghost of school spirit



by Luke Schmidt  
Sports Columnist

I'm sure many of us know what a ghost is; it's a transparent creature that floats around and looks mean. What I see happening to our school spirit reminds me of one such ghost. It kind of just sits around and does nothing, makes a little noise, and is virtually invisible. I think that's kind of sad. We should be screaming ourselves hoarse. A few examples to prove my point.

At our homecoming game I happened to be sitting in the student section surrounded by friends and peers. While I was cheering and going wild, I looked around to see other people just as busy. Too bad most of them were more concerned about trying to catch the latest gossip than cheering. I was disappointed that

we couldn't pull off the upset, but what I witnessed during the game was even more disappointing. I don't know what it would feel like to be a football player and come to school the following week to find out that less than 50 percent of the student body knows who scored our only touchdown.

Another example is our pep rally on that homecoming Friday. I still hear the silence of the audience as the cheerleaders or danceline were doing their thing on the practice field. Sure, there were the occasional screams by friends and the ever present courtesy clap awarded everyone after their performance. The high point was when Mike Reinhart got up and started doing the twist with the danceline. No one was else was dancing, but Mike looked like he was having fun doing what no one else seemed willing to do.

Need I go on? I think you've heard enough. No, not enough yelling and screaming, but enough of me harping about the absence of it. When you decide to go to an event, go because you want to cheer, not because you want to catch up on the latest happenings on "All My Children." I think the reason to go is to cheer the Eagles to victory. If you're lucky, you'll see your friends there.

I have no more to say except that since Halloween has come and gone, I don't want to see anything that remotely resembles a ghost.

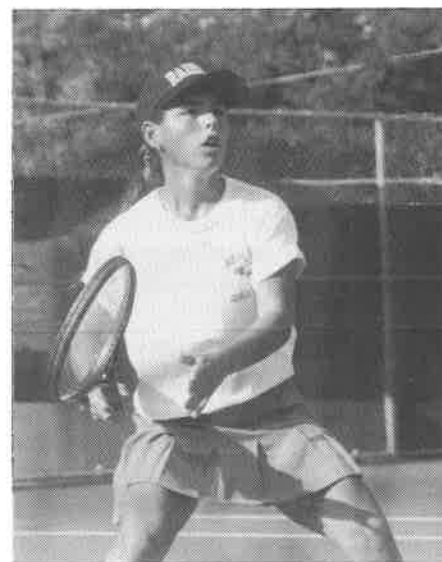
## Hard workers on the hard court

by Carla Bode  
Graphos Reporter

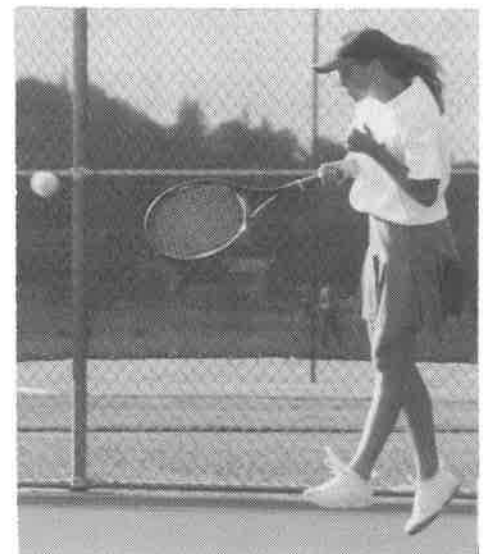
If you go south for about one block past the school, you'll come to the green courts where **Pat Reedy** and his tennis team are hard at work. **Reedy** has been coaching girls' tennis for nine years.

The tennis captains are **DeEtte Tobias** and **Missy Fluegge**. They and the other seniors, **Laura Guse** and **Stacy Owens**, agree that it takes work to be a good tennis player. "You have to be able to accept defeat. You can't give up," said **Fluegge**. **Tobias** said, "It takes dedication."

Highlights of the season include winning the Buffalo and the Mankato East tournaments. "It was a surprise," said **Reedy**. "We never came close to taking



Jenell Luneberg is ready for her opponent's serve.



Becky McAninch gets her whole body behind this return.

the Buffalo Tournament, and here we ended up winning it."

While managing their time between meets and tournaments, players also make time for practice after school. "It's a mental game," said **Reedy**. "It takes a lot of positive talk."

The team has been preparing for regionals where they will face tough teams like Fairmont and Mankato West. "I've seen a lot of rising skills this year and this really is a talented team," said **Reedy**.

When asked who their tennis idol was, the girls said Andre Agassi was a definite favorite. "He symbolizes a new generation of tennis," said **Fluegge**. Sophomore **Jenell Luneberg** said, "He has a killer serve, good tennis form, and nice hair."

## Returning lettermen continue winning ways

by Missy Fluegge  
Graphos Reporter

Faster than a speeding bullet, more powerful than a locomotive . . . It's the Eagles football team! The combined efforts of three experienced coaches and

dedicated athletes have made the Eagles as mighty as Superman himself.

Some of that strength comes from 16 returning letterwinners. All three captains, **David Galvin**, **Brady Ranweiler**, and **Ryan**

**Swenson**, agree that experience has played a vital role in the team's success. In addition to their seasoning, the Eagles are strong defensively and offensively, enabling them to execute a strong running game. "Our defense is strong," said **Ranweiler**. "We haven't allowed many points."

Senior running back **Ryan Altman**, who was named an All-Conference running back last season, has also been instrumental in the Eagles' winning ways. "We run Dewey a lot," said **Swenson**. "When they start catching on, we start passing the ball." **Galvin** agrees that "running the football" is the key. Head coach **Rick Van Roekel** stressed the importance of blocking "so we can get the ball to Dewey. He's our money player...we want to get the ball into his hands."

In practice, the players are willing to put forth their best efforts. **VanRoekel** said putting forth a good effort in practice is the key to the success of the

Eagles. "The big thing is to just practice hard," said **VanRoekel**. "The dividends will carry over into the games."

As a result of their hard work, the Eagles have won victories over traditional rivals St. Peter and Fairmont, with whom New Ulm shared the South Central Conference title last season. The big win over Fairmont was the first in 13 years against the Cardinals. However, this season the letter "W" represents more than just "win." **Wally Sagmoen**, a junior high social studies teacher who has worked closely with the junior high football program, suffered a head injury sustained in a roofing accident this summer. The Eagles wanted to show their sincere appreciation for his efforts as he recovers. Every helmet now bears a vinyl letter "W" on the back to honor **Sagmoen's** contributions to the football program. "We dedicated our season to Mr. **Sagmoen**," **Ranweiler** said.



Rich Flores, Brady Windschitl, and Terry Smith smoother the ball carrier.

# Cross Country races to a good season



Jamie Matter takes another mile in stride.

by Brad Weber  
Graphos Reporter

Hard working. Dedicated. Enthusiastic. Lots of friends and loads of fun. All of these words accurately describe this year's boys' cross country team, spearheaded by captains Jamie Matter and Jerad Budenski and coach Jim Pickus.

To most students cross country means a lot of long boring runs that never seem to have an end in sight, but to these athletes, a six-mile running workout is nothing more than a stroll in the park.

During the season, you will find these animals of the roadways running relays in Flandrau State

Park or playing "killer" soccer with two soccer balls. The boys also do some biking, swimming, touch football, and have even gone on a camping trip. Although these activities may make it sound like they never do any real work, it is evident that there is much getting done as the steadily dropping times attest.

When these guys decide that it is time for a real workout, they start out by stretching for at least 15-20 minutes before a distance run of six miles. The type of run, hard or easy, is determined by the day of the week and how long until the next meet. During a typical week, the guys will run about 20-25 miles, including the three mile meet distance. Matter said, "The guys don't complain. They just run their workouts. We just run it hard and get it over with." Just as hard work is necessary, so is the right attitude, and Matter simply said, "We want it bad."

Coach Pickus said, "It's really hard work, but it pays off in the end." Pickus believes that USC will finish first in the SCC Conference Meet. He picks Fairmont to come in second, with New Ulm hot on their heels. "I believe that USC, Fairmont, and New Ulm have the most talent as far as cross country runners in the conference go," said Pickus.

For some cross country runners, winning the race is not always their goal. For these runners, just crossing the finish is reward enough. There will always be someone who will be called the winner. Budenski said that crossing the finish line in the front of the pack, "feels great. It feels like all the practice and hard work has paid off."

# Conference rivals united through sportsmanship

by Terry Smith  
Graphos Editor

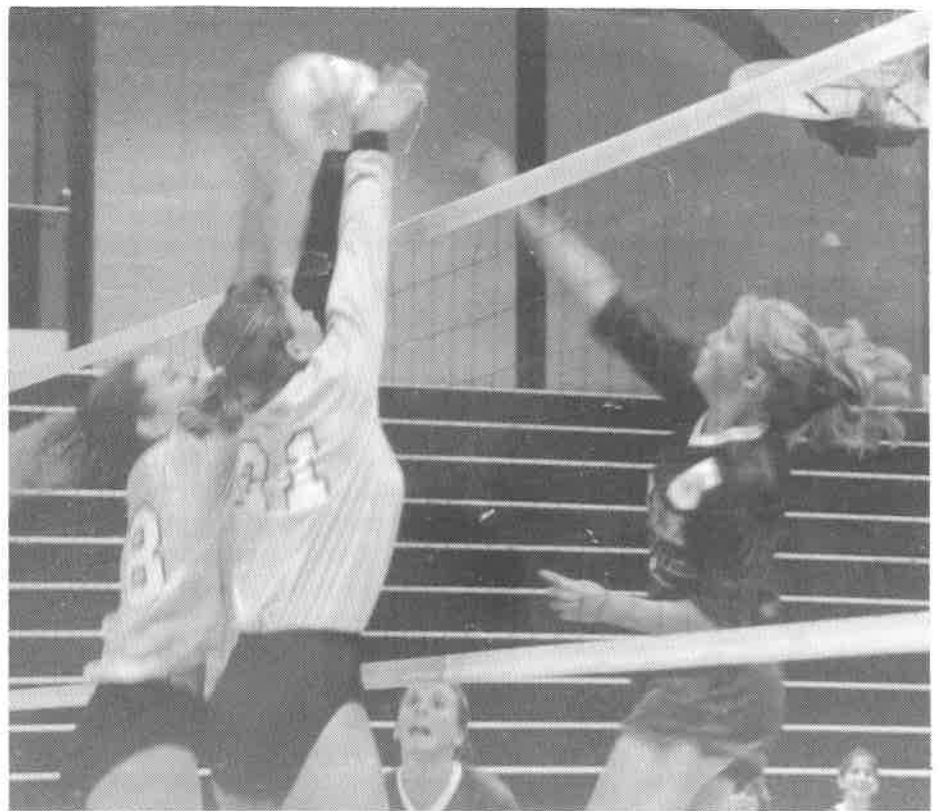
What would you expect from a roomful of athletes who are all from rival schools? The biggest trash-talking session in history? An all out brawl? Not this time. As a matter of fact, earlier this year just the opposite happened.

Each South Central Conference coach of each varsity sport chose two student athletes to represent their team in the first annual Sportsmanship Day. It was a day designed to unite the athletes of the South Central Conference and confront some of the problems that result from competing against your opponents and amongst your own teammates.

After everyone arrived in Fairmont, Tony Schiller, a world class tri-athlete, spoke about sportsmanship and sports in general. Then the athletes split

into groups and discussed the specific problems of their respective sports. Each group then chose three representatives: a speaker, a juror, and a criminal. Everyone assembled again and the representatives went on stage. First, the speakers gave a quick overview on what was discussed in their group. Then the jurors assembled and one by one the criminals were put on trial. The criminals were given a made up, typical sportsmanship crime and had to defend their actions. The jurors then handed down a decision and/or penalty for the criminals' wrongdoings. The activity helped illustrate both sides of unsportsman-like actions and how to handle them.

The event was a big success. It gave athletic rivals a chance to get to know their fellow competitors in a non-competitive atmosphere. It also helped to begin the process of eliminating unsportsman like acts.



Emily Crabtree spikes the ball while Laura Marti looks on.

# Inexperienced Eagles dig returns, improve play

by Shelise Gieseke  
Graphos Reporter

Losing six seniors was a pretty tough serve to return, but the Eagles' volleyball team dug in and scored some points with a new team.

With the leadership of Tracy Skaja and senior team captains Laura Marti and Missy Lomax, the team is at the midpoint of the season. Lomax said the team was, "...working together well, improving as a team as well as individually, but also having a lot of fun."

Having only two seniors on the team, the Eagles are a fairly young team. For a majority of the

players, it is their first year on the varsity. Crystal Grund, Jackie Schafer, and Angie Reiger are the sophomores on the varsity squad. Juniors Emily Crabtree, Jen Kerwin, Katie Reilly, Lyndsey Lappe, Angie Bernard, Adrienne Reiger, and Sarah Oetken make up a large portion of the team.

When asked about the difference between "B" squad and varsity, Kerwin said, "The competition is tougher, and more stressful, but I like it."

A typical day of practice includes net set-up, warm-ups, drills, such as passing and serving and receiving. Hitting lines is also an important item that's practiced.

# Girls stride to improvement

by Connie Miller  
Graphos Reporter

Coached by Jim Pickus, the girls' cross country team is running strong and is focused on improving.

The girls team consists of 10 runners, mostly freshman and eighth graders. Even though the team is young, they are doing quite well.

Kris Dittrich, the oldest member, has pulled a muscle and is not competing. She still manages to get to practice. Her condition is slowly improving and will soon be competing. Nicole Rieke commented on how much fun cross country is and how much freedom the sport gives her. It is her first year of competition so she's putting everything into it with good results.

Practicing two hours a day five days a week, the girls have been hard at work. Coach Jim Pickus said this year the girls are much "stronger, mature, and more experienced."



Junior high runner Laily Krzmarzick hoped to place well in this meet.